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Biden visits Vietnam to mobilize vs. China's rise

Trip is latest U.S. move to bolster relations with countries near Beijing

BY MATT VISER AND MERYL KORNFIELD

HANOI — President Biden was given an enthusiastic welcome in Vietnam on Sunday, as he drove past Ho Chi Minh's expansive mausoleum and eventually to the Communist Party headquarters, where he and General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong solidified a new diplomatic arrangement that will enhance ties between the two countries in the face of China's influence.

But at a late-night news conference, Biden sought to emphasize that despite bolstering America's alliance with Vietnam, Japan, South Korea and other countries on China's periphery, he was not seeking to "isolate" or "hurt" Beijing.

"Really, what this trip was about — it was less about containing China. I don't want to contain China," he said. "I just want to make sure we have a relationship with China that is on the up-and-up, squared away."

"I want to see China succeed economically," Biden added. "But I want them to succeed by the rules."

In Hanoi, the mood was warm as Trong effusively praised Biden and the chance to improve cooperation. He also referenced a meeting they had some eight years ago in Washington, seeming to indirectly swat back at comments over Biden's age.

"You have nary aged a day, and I would say you look even better

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: First responders remove a body from the rubble in the Moroccan village of Tiksit after a 6.8-magnitude earthquake. A woman reacts as rescue workers recover a body in Ouirgane. A woman passes a damaged building in Ouirgane.

Anger as Morocco waits for relief

CIVILIAN-LED RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE

In rural communities, no sign of government aid

BY CLAIRE PARKER, LOUISA LOVELUCK AND HEBA FAROUK MAHFOUZ

AMIZMIZ, MOROCCO — Communities near the epicenter of Morocco's powerful earthquake were a picture of devastation and anger Sunday, as residents described using their bare hands to pull loved ones from the rubble. In most places, there was no sign of government-promised rescue teams, and there was no word yet from many villages higher up in the mountains.

Moroccan authorities said Sunday that more than 2,122 people had been killed and more than 2,400 injured in the 6.8-magnitude quake that destroyed homes and shattered lives throughout the High Atlas Mountains. Three days of mourning have been declared nationwide, and the death toll is expected to rise as the full scale of the tragedy comes into view.

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At Texas A&M, a diversity war rages

Staff and students wonder how state law will affect hiring, teaching, support

BY JACK STRIPLING

COLLEGE STATION, TEX. — The July email to Texas A&M University instructors caught many by surprise.

The university would drop a required lesson on "respect & inclusion" from a semester-long program open to all first-year students, according to the email. This was necessary, an official wrote, in light of a new state law that bans, in part, mandatory diversity training. In its place, A&M would add a lesson on mental health.

The email from the university's first-year experience office was met with faculty pushback. Within hours, A&M walked back its directive; a vice provost called it "premature" as officials sought more legal guidance about the law. Weeks later, A&M sent another message, confirming that, after all, the university would nix the lesson as a requirement for the curriculum known as "Hullabaloo U."

Confusion over the fate of a single lesson reflects broader anxiety among many faculty and students about how the new Texas law banning activities related to diversity, equity and inclusion — commonly abbreviated as DEI — will mean for what is taught, who is hired and how universities support students. The closure of campus DEI offices

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Attacking covid measures key for GOP 2024 hopefuls

BY MAEGAN VAZQUEZ AND AMY B WANG

More than three years after the onset of the pandemic, Republican presidential hopefuls are taking renewed aim at strategies to combat the coronavirus amid an uptick in cases in recent weeks, even though hardly any Americans view covid-19 as the most important problem facing the country today.

The increase in cases, and the possibility of another surge entering the fall and winter, have led to scattered efforts to reinstate small public health measures, including a 10-day mask mandate in a classroom at a Maryland elementary school experiencing an outbreak and the reappearance of free KN95 masks in New York schools.

But even such measures have been vilified by Republican White House candidates. Last

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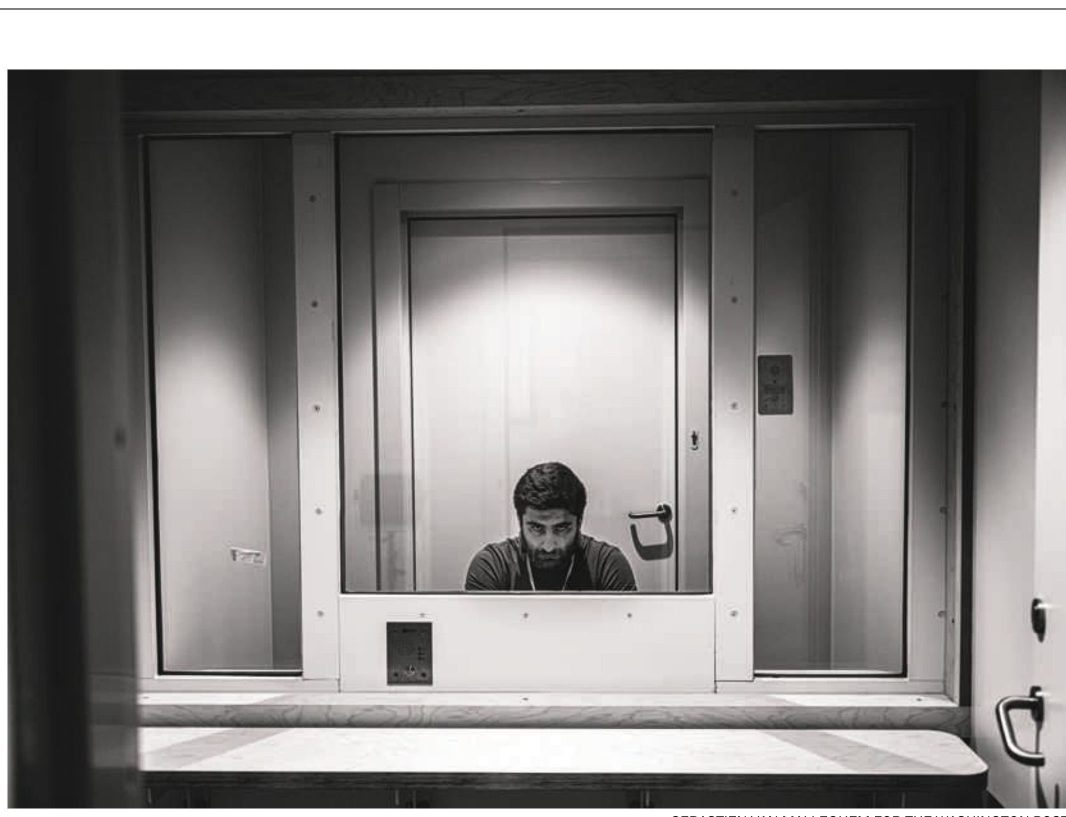
BY EVA DOU AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

For more than a decade, Google's rivals have argued that the company's sharp-elbowed tactics helped cement its search engine's No. 1 status. The Justice Department finally will take Google to court over these allegations Tuesday, in a landmark trial that marks the department's first antitrust case against a major tech company in more than 20 years.

Filed in 2020 under the Trump administration, the case — *U.S. et al v. Google* — focuses narrowly on the company's popular search engine, alleging that Google used the tool's 90 percent market share to illegally throttle competition in both search and search advertising.

But the trial has more expansive implications for the internet giant's business ambitions. It is part of a broad reappraisal in Washington of the common wisdom that the internet is open by nature and therefore can self-regulate through free-market competition. It reflects a sense of urgency among antitrust enforcers that, without action, Silicon Valley giants will transplant their established market dominance

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Grigor Sargsyan, 33, in a Belgian prison. As tennis gambling exploded, he recruited more than 180 lower-tier professional players across five continents to fix matches, or parts of matches.

GAME, SET, FIX

First in a two-part series

'THE MAESTRO'

Over four years, a migrant in Belgium built the biggest match-fixing ring in tennis history

BY KEVIN SIEFF IN BRUSSELS

On the morning of his arrest, Grigor Sargsyan was still fixing matches. Four cellphones buzzed on his nightstand with calls and messages from around the world.

Sargsyan was sprawled on a bed in his parents' apartment, making deals between snatches of sleep. It was 3 a.m. in Brussels, which meant it was 8 a.m. in Thailand. The W25 Hua Hin tournament was about to start.

Sargsyan was negotiating with professional tennis players preparing for their matches, athletes he had assiduously recruited over years. He needed them to throw a game or a set — or even just a point — so he and a global network of associates could place bets on the outcomes.

That's how Sargsyan had become rich. As gambling on tennis exploded into a $50 billion industry, he had infiltrated the sport, paying pros more to lose matches, or parts of matches, than they could make by winning tournaments.

Sargsyan had crisscrossed the globe building his roster, which had grown to include more than 180 professional players across five continents. It was one of the

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Biden says China must 'succeed by the rules'

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President Biden arrives for a welcome ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi after attending the Group of 20 summit in New Delhi.

than before," Trong said. "Every feature of you, Mr. President, is very much complementary of your image."

Biden laughed in appreciation, later quoting Irish poets and highlighting the need for the countries to coordinate on a range of issues, saying, "This can be the beginning of even a greater era of cooperation."

"I think we have an enormous opportunity," Biden said. "Vietnam and the United States are critical partners at what I would argue is a very critical time. I'm not saying that to be polite. I'm saying it because I mean it from the bottom of my heart."

The meeting marked a significant moment as Biden attempts to draw Vietnam closer as part of a continued mobilization of countries in the Pacific that can provide a counterweight to China's rise. Vietnam plays an especially crucial role, given that it shares a border with China.

Biden, who has not spoken with Chinese leader Xi Jinping since they met in November during the Group of 20 summit in Bali, Indonesia, said that while his Cabinet members have been meeting with their Chinese counterparts, he would like to have more direct contact with Xi.

"It's not like there's a crisis if I don't personally speak to him. It'd be better if I did," he said. "But I think, look, this is not a criticism; it's an observation: He has his hands full right now. He has an overwhelming unemployment with his youth. One of the major economic tenets of his plan isn't working at all right now. I'm not happy for him, but it's not working. So he's trying to figure out . . . what to do about the particular crisis they're having now."

The meeting between Biden and Trong earlier in the day took place in a wood-paneled conference room, with a statue of Ho Chi Minh, a central figure in the Vietnam War who led North Vietnam in its battle against the United States, looking on from the side. Those sitting near Biden included Secretary of State Antony Blinken and special climate envoy John F. Kerry, whose political career was marked by his service in the Vietnam War and then his opposition to it.

The 24-hour stop here — which follows Biden's trip to New Delhi to attend the G-20 summit — also marked the first time that Biden, who has visited dozens of nations and whose generation was bitterly divided by the Vietnam War, set foot in the country. He didn't serve in the war and was never part of the protest movement, saying at one point: "I wore sports coats. . . . I'm not big on flak jackets and tie-dyed shirts."

But he is also, in some ways, bringing the United States closer than ever before to Vietnam, with the announcement of a comprehensive strategic partnership that will link the countries diplomatically to a greater extent.

"This is Vietnam's highest tier of international partnership. It's important to make this more than words," Jon Finer, the deputy national security adviser, told reporters on Air Force One. "In a system like Vietnam, it's a signal to the entire government, to their entire bureaucracy, about the depth of cooperation and alignment with another country."

"Vietnam is a critical relationship of the United States, and we will be deepening that relationship," he added.

Emerging from their meeting, Trong said that the U.S.-Vietnam partnership had grown by "leaps and bounds" and that it was "elevated to a new height." He proclaimed that his country was "a friend, a reliable partner and a responsible member of the international community."

"Vietnam will continue to strengthen its ties to the U.S. and other international partners in the spirit of Ho Chi Minh after Vietnam achieved its independence," he said.

Biden referred to an evolving relationship since the war, and suggested that the countries were overcoming "the pain of the past."

He referenced Kerry as well as the late senator John McCain, saying, "Both men saw so clearly, as I and so many others did, how much we had to gain by working together to overcome a bitter past."

Kerry is expected to join Biden on Monday for a visit to the site where McCain was held as a prisoner of war.

Biden's visit underlines the priority he has put on assembling an alliance to push back against China economically, diplomatically and militarily. Human rights groups have condemned the Communist Party of Vietnam for its treatment of its citizens, estimating that the government currently has about 200 political prisoners.

The State Department has previously acknowledged credible reports of the government imprisoning, torturing and killing activists under a corrupt judiciary that has invaded privacy and restricted freedom of the press, religion and assembly.

After their meeting, Trong said it was important to not interfere in domestic affairs, while Biden said, "I also raised human rights as a priority for both my administration and the American people."

Responding to a shouted question about whether human rights were a part of his conversations here, he stopped and said, "I raised it with every person I met."

Advocates have called on the Biden administration to demand concessions from the government before upgrading diplomatic relations, a plea echoed Friday by five members of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus. Representatives wrote to Biden ahead of his visit, calling on the administration to demand the release of prisoners of conscience, a moratorium on arrests of human rights advocates and amnesty for political prisoners before he makes any arms deal with Vietnam.

"It's outrageous that President Biden has chosen to upgrade diplomatic ties with Vietnam at a time when the one-party state is in the middle of a brutal crackdown on activism, dissent, and civil society," Ben Swanton, co-director of the 88 Project, a U.S.-based human rights organization focused on Vietnam, said in a statement.

Biden began the day in New Delhi, gathering with some of the world's top leaders at a memorial site for Mohandas K. Gandhi, one of history's foremost independence figures, known for espousing nonviolent resistance, at a time when the world's richest nations are consumed by debate over Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine.

He and other leaders in the G-20 greeted Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They removed their shoes or donned slippers and approached the memorial, which was covered with yellow, orange and white flowers and an eternal flame in the middle to mark the site where the leader — who was popularly known as Mahatma — was cremated following his assassination in 1948.

On a rainy and humid morning, the leaders observed a moment of silence and listened to Gandhi's favorite hymns before leaving wreaths in his honor. The group walked around the site but offered no public remarks.

Biden's departure from New Delhi concluded his participation over the past two days at the G-20 summit, while some leaders continued to meet for a luncheon and an afternoon session.

Biden and other world leaders on Saturday afternoon announced plans for a new rail and shipping corridor that would connect India and Europe through the Middle East, an ambitious proposal aimed at further connecting a volatile region and countering China's years-long backing of massive infrastructure projects around the world.

The leaders also reached consensus on a 37-page joint declaration on 83 points, several of which referred to Russia's war in Ukraine but in weaker terms than they agreed to a year earlier during the G-20 gathering in Bali. In the weeks leading up to the summit, it seemed possible that the group — whose members include Russia and China, although their leaders did not attend — would fail to agree on a joint statement for the first time in its history.

In a Facebook post, Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleg Nikolenko said the G-20 has "nothing to be proud of" in regard to its language on Russian aggression in Ukraine, and he offered his own edits of how the portions regarding Ukraine should have been written.

Finer defended the language Sunday, saying it did not indicate any move away from support for Ukraine.

"The statement is a major step forward in this effort, highlighting the major economies of around the world — including, by the way, Brazil, India, South Africa — are united on the need to uphold international law and for Russia to respect international law," he said.

The declaration, which addressed a range of other issues including climate change, did help to demonstrate that the alliance of the world's top economic powers could still find some consensus.

Biden came to the conference determined to try to showcase that the G-20 can maintain its relevance, particularly after Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin sent deputies instead of attending themselves amid tensions over the war in Ukraine.

Asked whether Xi's absence affected the summit, Biden said on Saturday, "It would be nice to have him here, but, no, the summit is going well."

Finer said that during the summit, Biden had "brief greetings" with Mohammed bin Salman, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, but they did not have time for a "more substantive conversation."

Biden is slated to depart Vietnam on Monday, with plans to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks during a refueling stop at a military base in Alaska. He is planning to meet with members of the military and deliver remarks.

He will then return to Washington after a whirlwind four-day trip that circumnavigated the globe.

"I tell you what," he said at the end of his news conference. "I don't know about you, but I'm going to go to bed."



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White House completes $50 million revamp of Situation Room complex

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA AND MARISA IATI

The mystique-filled area of the White House where presidents have observed counterterrorism operations and discussed top-secret intelligence for decades has received a $50 million upgrade, its first in 16 years.

The year-long "gut renovation" of the White House Situation Room — a windowless complex on the ground floor of the West Wing spanning more than 5,000 square feet — upgraded the facility's security, technology and upholstery. The entire space was demolished and rebuilt to allow for the functional and cosmetic enhancements, completed in August.

The blue carpet and mahogany walls in the main conference room and other parts of complex maintain the same classic look as previous iterations of the facility.

"It's a marriage of the traditional and the modern," Marc Gustafson, senior director for the Situation Room, told reporters Thursday. He added that it was "difficult" to reach the right balance.

President Biden began using the new Situation Room, known inside the White House as the "whizzer," on Tuesday after cutting the ribbon.

"Folks, the newly renovated White House Situation Room is up and running," he wrote Friday on X, the social media site formerly known as Twitter. "My thanks to everyone who worked on this incredible facility."

The revamp effort was undertaken with the goal of never having to do another gut renovation of the space, Gustafson said. Modular designs and removable panels will allow for new technology and other upgrades to be swapped in without gutting the Situation Room in the future.

The most famous part of the complex, the John F. Kennedy Room, now features a new, oval-shaped wood table and six new leather chairs on each side. Another chair is positioned at the head of the table for the president, vice president or national security adviser. Interchangeable seals are displayed behind that chair to mark whether the president or another official is present.

The room is encompassed by video monitors on three walls, enabling officials to monitor covert operations and hold calls with foreign leaders.

After years of "heavy wear and tear," the space now looks more like its Hollywood depictions, Gustafson said. It also now has the necessary capabilities to "instantaneously" project information onto screens to be viewed by the president.

Gustafson declined to describe all the security enhancements but said the new Situation Room "is really as secure of a facility as you can have right now." He said the security upgrades were especially necessary to "keep up with foreign adversaries" determined to maintain a technological edge over the United States.

Another famous section of the facility, the room where President Barack Obama and his top aides watched the raid that killed Osama bin Laden in 2011, has been replaced by two smaller breakout rooms. The previous room was preserved for future display at Obama's presidential library in Chicago.

In recent years, President Donald Trump sat in the Situation Room while monitoring the U.S. Special Operations forces raid that took out Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in 2019. Three years later, Biden used the Situation Room to watch the counterterrorism operation that led to the death of Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, who succeeded Baghdadi as leader of the Islamic State.

POLITICS & THE NATION

Pretrial-palooza underway for Trump's criminal cases

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TOP: The scene in August at the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta the day of former president Trump's surrender on state charges. ABOVE: Trump leaves a college football game Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Welcome to The Trump Trials, our newest effort to keep readers up to date on the many criminal cases the 45th president is fighting in federal and state courts.

The goal is a weekly, one-stop shop to better understand what is happening in each of the four criminal cases — putting developments in perspective so you can see what are mountains and what are molehills in the legal landscape.

We'd love to hear from you along the way. Please email us with feedback — *perry.stein@washpost.com* and *devlin.barrett@washpost.com* — and questions you'd like us to answer.

Let's get started:

Pretrial-palooza has officially begun, with hearings expected at least in Florida and Georgia this week, along with court filings and potentially more grand jury activity in D.C.

To help you keep track of the four — yes, four — pending criminal Trump trials, here is a guide to what comes next, followed by a recap of what happened last week.

Looking ahead:

In Georgia, where Trump and 18 co-defendants face state charges for trying to overturn Joe Biden's 2020 victory, the judge schedules weekly hearings to review the many requests he is getting from defendants and prosecutors. At Thursday's hearing, we may get more insight into when Trump will go on trial there.

Sometimes lawyers and judges decide to argue an issue under seal — meaning the public doesn't get to see the particulars. One such fight erupted last week in D.C., where Trump faces federal charges of trying to block the election results. Prosecutors and defense lawyers are expected to file court papers in the dispute this week.

The fight is related to Trump's "daily extrajudicial statements," prosecutors say. The term sounds cool, but they actually mean it in a bad way — that Trump is speaking out of school on his case, something the Justice Department has complained about before.

That's not the only legal issue potentially being dealt with behind closed doors this week. Lawyers in the Florida indictment, which involves alleged mishandling of sensitive documents, are overdue for a sealed hearing on the classified evidence the government plans to present.

Now a recap from last week:

1. Georgia: State case on 2020 election

The details: Trump faces 13 state charges, with prosecutors alleging that he tried to undo the election results in that state. He was charged along with 18 other people.

What you need to know: A judge unsealed papers revealing that a special grand jury originally recommended indicting many more people, including: Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, (R-S.C.) former senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, both Georgia Republicans, as well as Trump campaign attorneys Cleta Mitchell and Boris Epshteyn and former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Prosecutors told Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee they expect the trial to take up to four months. That's because they have 150 witnesses to call to the stands. 150! Let's see, 150 times 19 cross-examinations adds up to ... forever. Roughly forever. And potentially right in the middle of Trump's 2024 presidential campaign.

At the hearing, McAfee granted a request from two defendants, former Trump campaign attorneys Kenneth Chesebro and Sidney Powell, for their trial to start quickly, on Oct. 23. District Attorney Fani T. Willis says she could meet that deadline and wants all 19 co-defendants to go to trial together then. Our colleague Holly Bailey reported that McAfee appeared extremely skeptical that all 19 defendants would be ready. Stay tuned.

Trump said in a filing that he may seek to move the Georgia case from state to federal court. His co-defendant and former chief of staff, Mark Meadows, has been unsuccessful so far in that effort.

Meadows's argument — which Trump would presumably make as well — was that the allegations laid out in the Georgia indictment occurred while he was carrying out his duties as a federal official and he is thus protected by federal law. But a judge ruled Friday that Meadows's actions were on behalf of Trump's presidential campaign and did not fall within his chief-of-staff duties.

Also last week, Trump and several co-defendants waived their right to in-person arraignments and entered not-guilty pleas in writing.

2. D.C.: Federal case on 2020 election

The details: Trump faces four federal charges for alleged efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

What you need to know: The biggest D.C. courthouse news last week was only tangentially related to Trump. Former Proud Boys leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrio, who helped organize the Jan. 6, 2021, attack of the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters trying to block Biden's victory, was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

The Tarrio sentence is longest yet for any Jan. 6 suspect. He had a prior criminal record, which typically results in longer sentences.

Tarrio was not physically at the Capitol attack. Still, he was convicted of multiple crimes, including seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding.

This is the latest example of a jury willing to convict someone for their actions that led to the Jan. 6 attack — even if they did not physically participate in it. Trump, who also wasn't at the Capitol on Jan. 6, was not charged with seditious conspiracy. But both he and Tarrio were was charged with obstructing an official proceeding: the counting of electoral votes at the Capitol.

The D.C. grand jury that voted to indict Trump continued to meet last week, an indication that the investigation continues and additional indictments are possible.

3. Florida: Federal classified-documents case

The details: Trump faces 40 federal charges over accusations that he kept top-secret government documents at Mar-a-Lago — his home and private club — and then thwarted government demands that he return them. Two Trump employees were also charged.

What you need to know: Federal prosecutors and lawyers representing Trump's two co-defendants kept arguing over whether the lawyers have represented too many witnesses in the case to fairly advise their clients. The government wants Judge Aileen M. Cannon to hold a hearing about it. The lawyers say that's unnecessary. These types of disputes are fairly common, but this one has become a weeks-long, drawn-out debate.

In the latest filing, one of the defense attorneys confirmed his former client has been cooperating with the government. (We have identified the former client as Mar-a-Lago IT worker Yuscil Taveras)

This isn't that surprising. We already knew that Taveras's testimony in July about alleged efforts to delete security footage led to prosecutors filing additional charges against Trump. But this is the first time we have seen in writing that Taveras entered into a "cooperation agreement" with the government to avoid charges.

4. New York: State business-fraud case

The details: Trump faces 34 state charges in connection with hush money paid to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels during the 2016 campaign.

That stage was dark again last week. But in an unrelated civil lawsuit, a judge found Trump liable for defaming writer E. Jean Carroll in 2019 after she accused him of raping her decades earlier. Jurors will only consider whether and how much Trump owes Carroll in damages when that trial starts in January.

Nerd word of the week

The nerd word of the week is ... ***interlocutory***: It's a type of appeal that defendants may file before a trial is concluded. Interlocutory appeals are both rare and rarely successful, because in most instances, courts don't let defendants file appeals before a final trial judgment has been issued.

When Trump claimed recently he would appeal a March 4 trial date for his case in Washington, legal experts quickly shot that idea down as unworkable. Trump's best shot at an interlocutory appeal in his D.C. trial, they say, is the question of whether his actions while president were covered by executive immunity.

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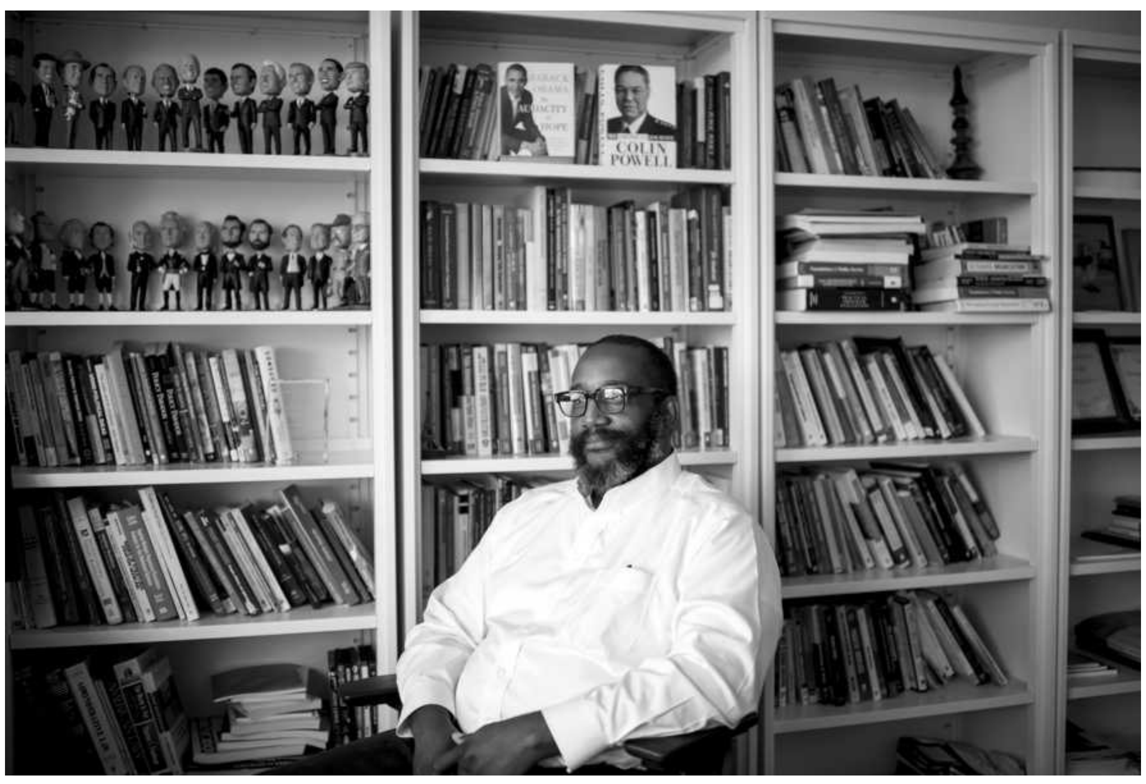
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Uncertainties tied to law fuel Texas A&M's diversity war

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The Texas A&M University campus in College Station. Student Amanda Ratliff said having spaces and programs for minorities has been critical to her A&M experience. Professor Leonard Bright, a member of the A&M faculty since 2011, said he wants real changes.

in the state, a central feature of the measure, is already underway. At least one school has also shuttered an LGBTQ resource center.

And despite assurance that the restrictions won't infringe on the classroom, some faculty say they remain concerned about what may be on the horizon. Those fears are particularly acute at A&M, where the hiring of a new journalism director went off the rails this summer amid political concerns about her past work on diversity issues.

"People are fumbling and afraid about what it means for their classes," said Tracy Hammond, speaker of the Faculty Senate. "Potentially, the students are going to lose out. That's my biggest fear."

The tensions in Texas come as the tools many colleges have historically used to improve diversity are increasingly verboten. The Supreme Court this summer struck down race-based affirmative action, and lawmakers in several states such as Florida are targeting programs and practices related to DEI. Across college campuses, professors are hearing the message that work related to diversity could invite political or legal backlash.

"What happens in a state like Texas impacts schools all around the country, even if indirectly," said Jeremy Young, a program director at PEN America, a nonprofit group that advocates free expression. "It creates a climate of fear, even in states that aren't interested in passing laws like this."

'Part of A&M died'

The dismantling of DEI now underway at Texas A&M presents a sharp contrast from 2½ years ago when the regents who oversee the university pledged it would be "a leader" in "advancing opportunities for all Texans."

The killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police in 2020 prompted A&M and many other schools to do some soul-searching about their traditions. The university asked: Who was being left out? How might the experiences of Black students, who comprise just 3 percent of the student body, differ from those of their White counterparts? And what could A&M do to recruit more diverse faculty?

In a pledge of its commitment to these issues, the university's Board of Regents agreed to spend $24.75 million to "enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion."

Today, however, several DEI-related programs have either been shut down or are being phased out. The diversity office, which must be shuttered by Jan. 1 in accordance with the new law, closed Friday. A cabinet-level diversity position has been eliminated. A recruitment program designed to attract early-career faculty with a demonstrated scholarly focus on DEI won't continue after this fall.

This much is known. But university officials say that they are still awaiting legal guidance on which other initiatives will need to be scrapped as a result of the law that began as Senate Bill 17. The university system's lawyers are conducting an audit of all activities that might run afoul of the restrictions. (In response to a public records request from The Washington Post, the campus said Tuesday it would withhold records of its response to the audit, citing an exemption for "confidential information.")

Senate Bill 17 specifically exempts research and teaching, but professors engaged in diversity-related scholarship say they are particularly concerned. Many people at the university say they fear they'll be politically targeted for even talking about diversity issues. More than 40 people involved in diversity work at Texas A&M either did not respond to interview requests from The Post, declined to speak, or would only talk on background.

There is a pervasive sense that outside influence — either from politicians or conservative alums — is interfering with the work of the university and threatening academic freedom. Those fears were heightened in July, when the Texas Tribune reported that Kathleen McElroy, a tenured professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin, had turned down an offer to lead A&M's journalism program. The university, which had initially offered McElroy a tenured role — contingent upon the regents' approval — had reduced its offer to a one-year contract amid a conservative backlash. McElroy, an African American alum of A&M and a former New York Times editor, said she was told that "DEI hysteria" had complicated her appointment.

Also in July, the Tribune reported that the university had investigated and placed on leave Joy Alonzo, a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy, after someone complained that Alonzo had criticized the state's lieutenant governor during a lecture about opioids. Alonzo's leave, which lasted less than two weeks, was lifted in March, following a university investigation that "did not substantiate" that she had made "unprofessional or inappropriate comments."

Coming on the heels of the McElroy debacle, the Alonzo revelations have felt like a gut punch to many faculty. At a recent Faculty Senate meeting, the speaker led her colleagues in "a moment of silence." "For most of us," Hammond told the group, "it feels like part of A&M died this month, and I think we need to properly mourn."

New details about the McElroy case, revealed through now-public text messages that were sent between university officials, strike an ugly contrast with Texas A&M's oft-cited core values of respect and integrity. Katherine Banks, who abruptly retired as president in the fallout of the controversy, didn't appreciate McElroy going public as she did. In a text message to a colleague, Banks said McElroy was an "awful person to go to the press before us." Banks added, "Just think if she had accepted!!! Ugh."

Texas A&M has agreed to pay McElroy $1 million as part of a legal settlement. Reeling from controversy, the university swiftly tapped as interim president Mark A. Welsh III, a retired four-star Air Force general who most recently served as dean of the university's Bush School of Government and Public Service.

Citing the university's internal review of the McElroy affair, Welsh told The Post that the case was about a flawed hiring process — not race. But Welsh knows what a lot of people think: "This was a Black professor who Texas A&M decided they didn't want."

"I don't think that's the full context of it," Welsh said, "but I think that's the message people heard."

A 'weaponized' acronym

By now, Welsh is used to questions that he says he can't answer. Chief among them is how the university will operate under the state's new DEI restrictions. Welsh has the same unsatisfying response: He is awaiting legal guidance.

While Welsh said he would not have supported SB 17 — "I don't believe it's beneficial to where we are trying to go long range as a society" — he said that a lot of what the university does to promote diversity won't change. A&M should have no trouble complying with the law's prohibition of racial preferences in hiring or promotion, he said. And the law exempts recruitment, so universities can still market themselves to underrepresented minorities and first-generation students.

"I think the law was intended to just make sure that no particular group got the benefit of the doubt or preferential treatment from any other group," Welsh said. "And we can do that. That just kind of makes common sense anyway."

On the other hand, the law might force the university to make some interesting programmatic choices. Could A&M have a mentoring program that was exclusively for women in science or engineering? Possibly, Welsh said, "as long as it's open to men who want to learn about women in faculty."

DEI programs vary across higher education, but the general aim is to promote diversity across a broad set of categories, including race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and physical ability. A DEI office might administer surveys to assess how different groups of people feel about a university. At A&M, the DEI office helped the university gain recognition as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, a federal designation that requires the undergraduate student body to be at least 25 percent Hispanic and opens the door to more grants.

Critics, however, say that DEI offices amount to enforcers of ideological conformity, mandating that students and employees embrace a set of beliefs about systemic racism, among other things. Welsh said it is unfortunate that "We've essentially weaponized an acronym."

The new Texas law has similarities to one recently passed in Florida, where public colleges are prohibited from spending state or federal money on DEI efforts.

In recent months, faculty at Texas A&M say they've observed what looks like the quiet erasure of anything diversity-related. A webpage for the university's Department of Multicultural Services has been altered, removing from its description the words "belonging" and "inclusive," archived pages show. In March, without explanation, the department postponed a conference on race.

Department employees did not respond to interview requests.

"This is how the censorship happens," said Young, the PEN America program director. "It is very rarely enforced directly as a violation of the law. It's everyone chasing their own tails, afraid that they might come into conflict with the law."

Annie McGowan, who ran A&M's office for diversity from 2020 until its recent closure, said she has seen firsthand the university's efforts to censor politically sensitive content. In February, Texas A&M's marketing and communications division informed McGowan that it had taken down a diversity office webpage that contained a glossary of DEI-related terms. The list included the term "Christian privilege," which had captured the attention of Campus Reform, a conservative watchdog website.

In a statement provided to The Post, a Texas A&M spokesperson acknowledged the removal. "Under the direction of the former president," the statement said, "there was a small-scale effort to remove some information, including a glossary of DEI terms."

In recent weeks, McGowan wound down the diversity office. With the help of student workers, she moved her belongings from the administration building, where the president and other top campus officials work, to the business school, where McGowan remains a professor. She said she will continue to mentor students who need it.

"I don't need an official title to do that," McGowan said.

Of the 10 people who worked with McGowan, eight have found new positions or returned to faculty roles at A&M. Two have left for other universities, McGowan said.

"I work for Texas A&M University," she said, "and they're telling me that they don't want this [DEI] work to be done."

Idia Thurston, who until recently was an associate professor of psychology and public health at A&M, said she heard the same message from the university. She left.

Thurston joined the faculty at A&M in 2019. She was eager to be part of a research cluster that brought together psychology faculty whose work is related to diversity. Over time, however, Thurston saw diversity-related programs die on the vine, including one she helped to develop that provided training on implicit bias in promotion and retention. The program was phased out in November, officials confirmed.

As the political rhetoric against DEI intensified in Texas over the past year, Thurston said she grew concerned that she might be restricted in her scholarship, which focuses in part on racial inequities and disparities in health care. The professor said she isn't convinced that crackdowns on diversity research won't happen, despite the law's exemptions for that activity.

On Aug. 21, Thurston began in her new role as a professor and associate director of the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research at Northeastern University, a private institution in Boston. Researchers like herself won't stay at A&M, she said. "We just won't," Thurston said. "It's not worth it."

Steeped in tradition

Texas A&M did not open its doors to Black students and women until 1963. Six decades later, the university is wrestling with how best to support those it once excluded. For Amanda Ratliff, an African American student, the answer is complicated. Ratliff is a die-hard Aggie: "I'm not Black; I'm maroon," she said on a recent afternoon while hanging out in the student center. At the same time, Ratliff said, many Black students feel alienated from the university's distinctive traditions.

The bright white uniforms of yell leaders, who are elected by the students and enjoy a vaunted status on campus, can feel reminiscent of the Ku Klux Klan, Ratliff said. Activities like "pond hopping," which is slang for taking a dip in a university fountain, can seem like the province of the White majority, she said. (Ratliff still partook in the tradition.) And forget about rushing a mostly White sorority, she said, where "the minority is the brunette."

Ratliff, who is majoring in electronic systems engineering technology, said that having spaces and programs for underrepresented minorities has been critical to her A&M experience. Students didn't tend to congregate in the now-defunct diversity office, Ratliff said, but its existence had sent a signal that the university cared about people like her. The division of multicultural services, which does not appear threatened by the new law, is a critical refuge for minority students, she added.

"I'm not escaping from White people by having DEI offices," she said. Rather, Ratliff said, she is looking for a place where she can "be myself fully, 100 percent without fear of judgment."

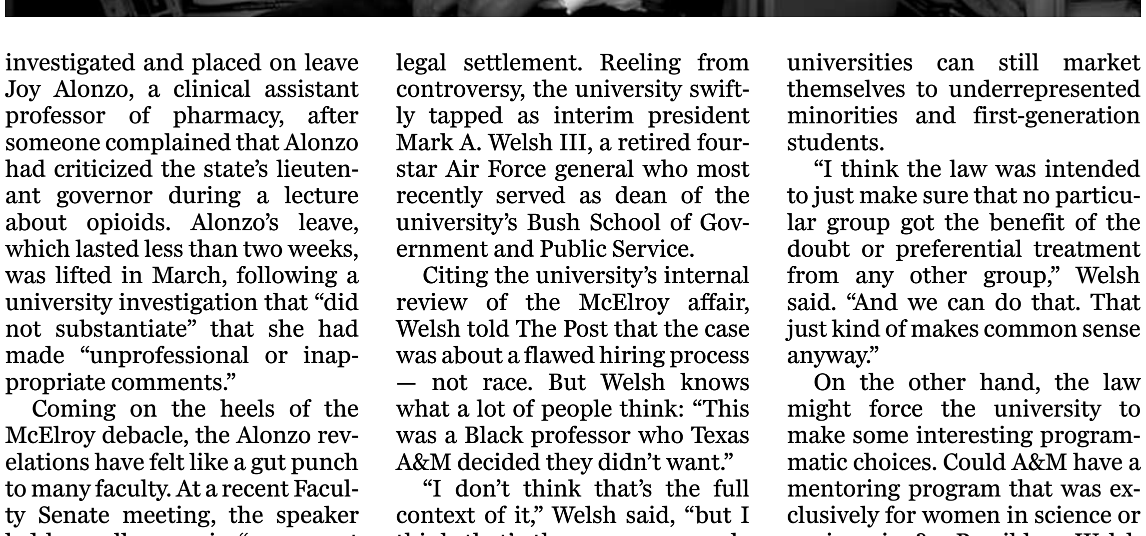
Some opponents of DEI argue that the programs, while widely embraced in higher education, haven't delivered tangible results. That's one area in which Leonard Bright, a professor of public administration at Texas A&M, finds agreement with the naysayers. Bright, who is African American, said he deplores much of the anti-DEI political rhetoric. At the same time, he said DEI programs have been used as a "smokescreen" for administrators, who really aren't doing much about racial inequities on their campuses.

Bright joined A&M's faculty in 2011. Over the years, he said, he has clashed with some White colleagues who have made him feel less than accepted as a part of the team. He has fought — successfully — for pay equity increases. He is actively suing the university for employment discrimination in relation to a promotion dispute.

But Bright isn't leaving, he told The Post during a recent interview in his office.

"Why am I here?" Bright said. "This is a great university. They don't get to keep this to themselves. No one gets to keep this. This is a public institution."

Texas A&M is an environment "that's hostile to me," he said. "But I've been tried and true. I've been through this fire. And I am going to stay here. I am going to do what I can to be a part of a real change, not superficial."



Retired Gen. Mark A. Welsh III is the university's interim president. "I think the law was intended to just make sure that no particular group got the benefit of the doubt or preferential treatment from any other group," Welsh said. "And we can do that. That just kind of makes common sense anyway."



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Influential ex-Mormon's lawsuit has become a rallying cry

Claims against church have triggered crisis of faith, calls for reform

BY MICHELLE BOORSTEIN

James Huntsman's family is sometimes called the "Mormon Kennedys," with members whose titles have included governor, ambassador, billionaire and apostle. For decades, he was a committed church member, tithing 10 percent of his income, as the faith expects.

But when another church member filed an IRS whistleblower complaint in 2019, Huntsman's theological and spiritual doubts shifted to anger, and he demanded his money back. David Nielsen's complaint alleged that the church had been hoarding $100 billion in tithes and had used a few billion in tax-free dollars meant for charity to build an upscale mall.

Now Huntsman, a film distributor and father of five, has become an unlikely and high-profile critic of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at a time when members' demands for transparency are rising and church growth rates are dramatically slowing. A lawsuit that Huntsman filed in 2021 accusing the church of fraud initially was rejected by a federal judge but was revived a few weeks ago. A federal appeals court panel voted 2-1 that jurors should hear Huntsman's argument and his demand for a refund of $5 million minimum.

Huntsman — son of the late, famed philanthropist and billionaire industrialist Jon Huntsman Sr., and brother to former Utah governor and presidential candidate Jon Huntsman Jr. — is becoming the face of internal LDS discussions about topics such as whether the finances of a religious denomination should be confidential and whether there should be tighter limits on what constitutes "religious activity" that's tax-free.

A slew of Mormon podcasts and blogs in recent weeks have featured the new Huntsman ruling, delving into legal and theological debates and expressing varying levels of support for the suit. They've also reflected something experts on the church say feels new: Voices for reform in one of the country's most loyal and deferential faith groups are getting louder.

Huntsman's suit and Nielsen's complaint have been mentioned as a trigger by many recent exiters from the church, said John Dehlin, host of the long-running "Mormon Stories" podcast, popular with questioning and progressive members of Mormonism or other faith groups as well as those who have left the LDS church. Dehlin was excommunicated in 2015 for trying on his show to convince people that some church teachings are wrong. Two church officials came on his show this year and expressed doubt about the church and pointed to the cases of Nielsen and Huntsman as fuel.

"Even the church's most ardent defenders know there is some credibility to their concerns," Dehlin said. "Money strikes people on a whole different, visceral level," he said, than do questions about Mormon history or theology when it comes to social issues including race or sexuality.

"It's such a sacrifice to pay 10 percent of your income; it's so personal," Dehlin said. "And when you find out the church doesn't need your money and has been evading responsibility, that impacts people directly."

Sam Brunson, a tax and religion expert at Loyola University Law School and church member who writes a popular blog about the LDS church, thinks Huntsman's suit is frivolous and predicts no criminal charges will stem from Nielsen's complaint. But he says he hears about the cases a "surprising amount."

"Historically, active members of the church tended to not really brook criticism of the church … You assume best faith for the church. Sort of: 'If the church is doing this, there must be a reason we just don't know,'" Brunson said.

These two cases, he noted, build on several other very controversial church moves, including its leading the charge against legalizing same-sex marriage in California in 2008 and for enacting a policy in 2015 barring children of same-sex couples from being baptized before ending it a few years later in 2019.

"Slowly, people aren't giving the church the benefit of the doubt," Brunson said.

LDS spokesman Doug Andersen declined to comment on Nielsen's complaint or on the potential impact of the men's allegations. About Huntsman and the new appeals court ruling, a brief church statement said money used for the mall was "invested earnings on reserve funds."

"There was no fraud," the statement says. "The Church looks forward to defending these facts in the next phase of the legal process."

The church has until Sept. 20 to ask a larger panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit to rehear the Huntsman case. That panel could uphold the recent ruling in favor of Huntsman, which would move the dispute to the discovery process and a jury trial. It could reverse the recent ruling, meaning the suit would be over and the church would win. Or the two sides could settle.

The status of Nielsen's complaint is not clear. The IRS hasn't said anything publicly since he filed it in 2019, but that's normal for the agency. In February of this year, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged the church's investment arm — where Nielsen worked — with filing 22 years of misstatements about its investments and creating shell companies to keep those transactions secret. Intentionally misstating or omitting facts on certain SEC forms is a federal crime. The investment arm, called Ensign Peak Advisers, agreed to pay a $4 million fine, and the church agreed to pay $1 million, the SEC said in February.

Nielsen's attorney, Michael Sullivan, said they "have been contacted by authorities over the past several months and have had ongoing communications [in recent days] about the matters Dave has reported."

Heroes and pariahs

While Huntsman and Nielsen come from different parts of the Latter-day Saint world, their names are now bound by the experience of becoming, for some, heroes and, for others, pariahs.

Huntsman grew up with nine siblings in a very prominent and church-involved family. His mother's father was an apostle, which to Mormons are akin to biblical apostles, and many other relatives held — and hold — senior leadership positions in the church.

Huntsman himself held leadership posts in the church and, he said, "gave my heart and soul to this organization."

In the mid-2010s, he said, he had become deeply disillusioned with the church, including what he sees as a blurry line around polygamy: still part of church doctrine and accepted in the church's vision of the afterlife, but banned in practice. "Polygamy was a gateway for me to question other doctrines," he says. He moved further from the faith with the church's rejection of LGBT couples and families.

Huntsman tithed from 1993 to 2017, he says, but started to transition out of the church around then and stopped paying.

His father died in 2018.

When Nielsen's twin brother, Lars, leaked the 2019 complaint to several news organizations, including The Washington Post, Huntsman said he was disgusted by what it alleged.

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> **John Dehlin,** host of the 'Mormon Stories' podcast

The complaint alleged that Ensign Peak assets grew from $12 billion at its start, in 1997, to $100 billion in 2019. It said Ensign had not directly funded any religious, educational or charitable activities in 22 years but had paid $2 billion to bail out a church-run insurance company and build a high-end shopping mall, City Creek.

Huntsman said he asked the church for millions back in tithes, initially keeping the dispute from his family to keep them out of it. When the church declined, he filed his lawsuit.

Since then, Huntsman said, most relatives have been very supportive, "with some exceptions. And those exceptions aren't surprising."

Huntsman recently moved back to Salt Lake City from California and lives near Nielsen, who grew up in California.

Like Huntsman, Nielsen has strong LDS bona fides. Some of his ancestors have been in the church for more than 125 years, and he is one of 10 children.

Nielsen got an MBA from UCLA and worked on Wall Street for years before moving to Utah in 2010 to work for Ensign Peak.

In a 2020 interview with The Post, Lars Nielsen said his twin saw the job of helping guide church finances as both a professional opportunity and a spiritual service.

"He was excited to see how much the financial reserves of the church were growing," Lars said.

But eventually he became alarmed with the lack of transparency as billions accumulated from tithes but weren't spent, he alleges, on charitable, missionary or educational causes.

A key in both men's legal complaints is their assertion that church leaders lied about how tithes are used. Huntsman's suit cites five times in the 2000s that church officials repeated that members' tithing would not be used for City Creek.

Since the men came forward, the church has argued that it used earnings from investments, not the initial tithes, and should have the freedom to collect and spend money as it wishes. In its original motion for summary judgment, it argued that Huntsman's suit encroaches on "church autonomy" protected by the First Amendment. In other words, the government shouldn't interfere in religious matters.

Both the judge in that case and the three-judge panel from the appeals court disagreed with the church that the First Amendment protects it from Huntsman's suit, saying the issues at hand are secular.

The appeals court agreed with the church that there was no fraud claim in regard to the church's bailout of a church-owned insurance company, because church officials hadn't spoken to members about the bailout or how it would be paid for.

Nielsen told The Post he has suffered financial and personal costs from becoming a whistleblower. Since his complaint, he hasn't been able to find new work in finance in Salt Lake City, where he says most firms are closely connected with the Mormon Church. He has also had painful breaks with some relatives.

"It's an awkward Thanksgiving all the time," Nielsen said. "My immediate family had to step back [from the church]. The community has been tough. Half of my wife's business disappeared [after the IRS complaint] because she has a business based on relationships. She had to redraw her business, and that brought a lot of stress. Some neighbors have been amazing; some have not. We're in Salt Lake City, and we tattled on the church and lost a lot of friends. The silver lining is our friends are better friends."

And the cases have taken on symbolic meaning outside the men's two families.

Becket Law, which focuses on protecting religious rights and exemptions, filed a brief in the Huntsman case in support of the church. The project to renovate a downtown property into a high-end shopping area, Becket argued, was a "religious decision made for religious reasons" — to protect the neighborhood of the temple.

Eric Baxter, who wrote the brief for Becket, told The Post it would put charities in a precarious position if any donor can have direct say about spending decisions. And that faith-based groups in particular make spending decisions "guided by inspiration, revelation and religious principles."

Tithing is inherently a religious practice, Baxter said.

"Courts getting entangled in how members would understand the history of a church's financial practices — those kinds of questions deeply entangle courts in issues of religious affairs," he said.

Baxter is a regional LDS church leader, called an "area seventy."

Paul Huntsman, James's brother, was quoted in the Wall Street Journal earlier this summer in an article about a temple building spree abroad. He said the church needs to start being transparent about its holdings. "They're in the business of morality. They have to take the moral high ground on this," he said.

James Huntsman, for his part, says his suit is meant for the many people he knows who remain in the church.

"My community is mostly Mormon. Now, everywhere you look it's people leaving. When I was growing up — never," he says. "A lot of people want church to be more transparent. This case is a catalyst for them. Not for me. I have a life and I want to get back to it."





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TOP: James Huntsman stands near the Salt Lake Temple and the City Creek Center in Salt Lake City on Tuesday. A federal appeals court recently said his case against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can continue. ABOVE: David Nielsen was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who worked for its investment arm before filing an IRS whistleblower complaint.



City Creek Center shopping mall in downtown Salt Lake City. James Hunstman's lawsuit claims that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints inappropriately used church funds to build the mall.

Americans' covid concerns have cooled, but measures still a hot topic in GOP

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month, former president Donald Trump promised that, if reelected, he would use every available authority to cut funding "to any school, college, airline or public transportation system that imposes a mask mandate or a vaccine mandate."

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) stressed Thursday that he and his supporters would "stand against mandates, lockdowns, and school closures." On the same day, standing behind a lectern with a sign that read "MANDATE FREEDOM," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) devoted a news conference in Jacksonville to declaring that mask mandates would never return to his state.

In a Gallup poll released in June, concern over catching covid fell to lows seen in 2021 when vaccinations were on the rise and restrictions were being pared back, and a majority of Americans said for the first time that they believed the pandemic was over.

Very few Americans identify covid or other diseases as the most important issue facing the country, according to a Gallup poll released last month. But that has not stopped Republican candidates from re-litigating the pandemic response.

Corry Bliss, a Republican strategist not affiliated with any of the presidential campaigns, said that if he were advising a candidate, he would tell them to keep talking about the issue because it is an "incredibly safe" topic with "little downside" for the Republican base. "Primaries, elections in general, are about turnout, and turnout is about motivating and exciting voters, giving them a reason to vote," Bliss said. "And this is a very motivating issue" and "one of the defining culture issues of our time."

On the campaign trail, the handling of the pandemic has emerged as a way for DeSantis to try to differentiate his policies from those of the Trump administration. Early in the pandemic, DeSantis praised Trump for his leadership and efforts to expedite the development of coronavirus vaccines. But he has since become a critic of the vaccines and the pandemic response.

Interrupting a back-and-forth between former vice president Mike Pence and Vivek Ramaswamy during the first Republican presidential debate, DeSantis asked, "Why are we in this mess?" He continued, "Part of it, and a major reason, is how this federal government handled covid-19 by locking down this economy," and added, "It was a mistake. It should have never happened."

Trump, in turn, has been attacking DeSantis for months over how the Florida governor handled the pandemic in his state. In January, Trump accused DeSantis of "trying to rewrite history," saying that "Florida was closed for a long period of time."

Trump and DeSantis have only ratcheted up their attacks related to covid in the months since. Last week, DeSantis said during an interview on a conservative talk show that the former Republican president "hurts himself" by bringing up the issue and that Trump is only attacking him "because he believes that I'm a threat to his ambitions."

There could be public health risks with the continued rhetoric. A study published in July by Yale University researchers suggests that differences in vaccination attitudes and uptake among Republican and Democratic voters "may have been factors in the severity and trajectory of the pandemic" in the United States.



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TOP: Travelers, some wearing masks as coronavirus cases rise, at Dulles International Airport. ABOVE: The pandemic response was a topic at last month's GOP presidential debate in Milwaukee.

Republican campaign veteran Scott Jennings said the mask mandate "is a real flash point for Republicans," which provides DeSantis with an opportunity to distinguish himself as a candidate in the crowded Republican field. "For DeSantis, this issue is how he came to national prominence," Jennings said. "He was governor of Florida and was constantly in the national press during covid."

Jennings added: "For Republicans watching DeSantis resist and be the pro-freedom governor and being criticized by the national media, that was rocket fuel for his image among Republican voters. I think he's always seen this as his main political calling card, which is, 'I would not bend the knee.' "

However, Jennings said he still thinks the primary motivation for Republican voters is not their resistance to a resurgence of protection measures, but "a referendum on and a vindication of Donald Trump politically and legally."

Some Republican candidates, such as former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, have framed the issue in a way that suggests the return of mitigation efforts in schools is an attack on parental rights. That issue, namely the argument that parents do not have enough input on the educational experiences of their children in publicly funded spaces such as libraries and schools, gained prominence during the pandemic over concerns about masking in schools, vaccine mandates and school closures.

The education issue of parental rights has generally taken on a partisan tone. Along with its rejection of protocols to protect against the coronavirus in schools, the movement has also resisted how public schools and libraries approach issues of race, racism, gender and sexual orientation with children.

Republican strategist Sarah Longwell said covid no longer comes up very often in focus groups she has conducted. "I think the world is in a different place," she said. "I think Republicans will look for opportunities, the question is whether or not Democrats give them those opportunities to remind people of examples of overzealous responses to covid."

Republicans in Congress this year have made several efforts to show that the pandemic is over and that the country should not return to the policies they saw as overreach by the federal government, particularly by the Biden administration. Since retaking the House majority, Republicans have continued holding hearings about the pandemic. And over the summer, they continued to investigate the origins of the virus, holding hearings on school closures, vaccine mandates and other pandemic policies.

This month, Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) sought unanimous consent for his bill called the Freedom to Breathe Act to ban federal mask mandates on domestic air travel, public transit and in public schools through the end of 2024. Though it was a largely symbolic move, the request for unanimous consent was foiled after Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) objected.

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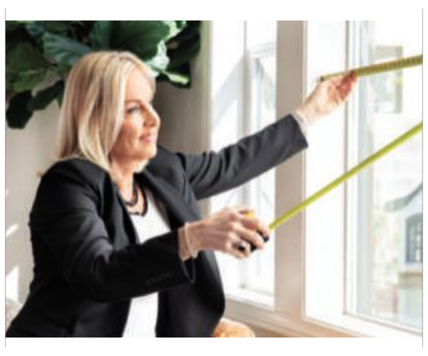
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An American Girl doll's international adventure

'I was happy to do it': Pilot reunites girl with her beloved Beatrice

BY PRAVEENA SOMASUNDARAM



RUDY DOMINGUEZ

Valentina Dominguez, 9, with her doll Beatrice, a gift from her grandmother. "I got really lucky," she said of getting her doll back.

In Tokyo this summer, 9-year-old Valentina Dominguez frantically searched her family's hotel room for her best friend.

She dug through her luggage looking for Beatrice, an American Girl doll with brown skin and hair, but did not find her. Then, Valentina looked toward her dad, Rudy Dominguez.

"Do you have my doll?" he recalled her asking. He didn't, he responded.

The family, who'd just arrived from Plano, Tex., for a five-day vacation, searched every suitcase and corner of their room, but to no avail. They tried contacting the airline they'd flown with, Turkish Airlines, but didn't receive a response until they'd already left Japan. But soon, a Facebook post about Beatrice would connect the Dominguez family with a pilot who later flew the doll thousands of miles to be reunited with Valentina.

"It's a huge deal," Valentina said. "I got really lucky."

Valentina got Beatrice for Christmas from her grandmother four years ago. She took the doll with her anywhere she could, including to restaurants, sleepovers and family vacations.

When the family couldn't find Beatrice in their hotel room on July 20, Rudy Dominguez suspected the doll had fallen under the seat on their plane and was somewhere at Tokyo's Haneda Airport. But by the time the airline responded, on July 29, the family was already back in Texas.

The airline said in an email that it was holding Beatrice at the airport but said that it could not send the doll or put any lost-and-found items on other flights, citing security reasons. The family's options were to have someone they knew in Japan pick up the doll or enlist the help of someone flying there in the future.

"I was feeling very, very sad," Valentina said. "And I felt like I did something wrong, and I was always going to be ashamed of it until I grew out of it."

But her parents had not lost hope. They turned their efforts online to reunite their daughter with the doll she adored.

Valentina's mother, Celeste Dominguez, made a Facebook post Aug. 2 asking whether any friends were flying through Haneda Airport or knew anyone in Tokyo who could "run an errand."

Through mutual friends, the post made it to a neighbor of Jim Danen, a pilot for American Airlines. The neighbor texted Danen, who lives in Richardson, Tex., just a few miles from the Dominguez family, asking whether he ever flew through Haneda Airport.

He answered that he did. In fact, it was a route he flew regularly, and he agreed to help retrieve the doll on his next trip there.

When Danen went to Tokyo the following week, he checked with the airport's lost and found but was told that it did not have a doll, he told The Washington Post.

Puzzled, Danen came back home and wondered what had gone wrong, he said. Then, he took a closer look at the information the Dominguez family had sent him about the doll and their email correspondence when it had gone missing. Danen noticed the family had been communicating with the airline they'd flown, not the airport, he said. He then called the airline, which had its own lost and found at the airport, according to Danen.

Turkish Airlines confirmed Beatrice was there, and he picked up the doll on Aug. 16 while on another trip to Tokyo.

"I like completing my mission, I guess," Danen said.

There was one more step left in that mission: to deliver the doll to Valentina, who thought Beatrice was lost for good.

On Aug. 21, Danen drove the doll to the family's home. Valentina's face lit up as he reached into a duty-free bag and pulled out Beatrice.

"I think I brought you something that you left," Danen told her, according to a WFAA video of the reunion.

He'd also brought Valentina a map that showed the route they'd taken back and gave her a photo of Beatrice positioned beside the plane's window, reminders of the doll's journey. Valentina thanked Danen before asking the pilot whether Beatrice had been "well-behaved on the flight."

"Very well-behaved, yes," Danen answered.

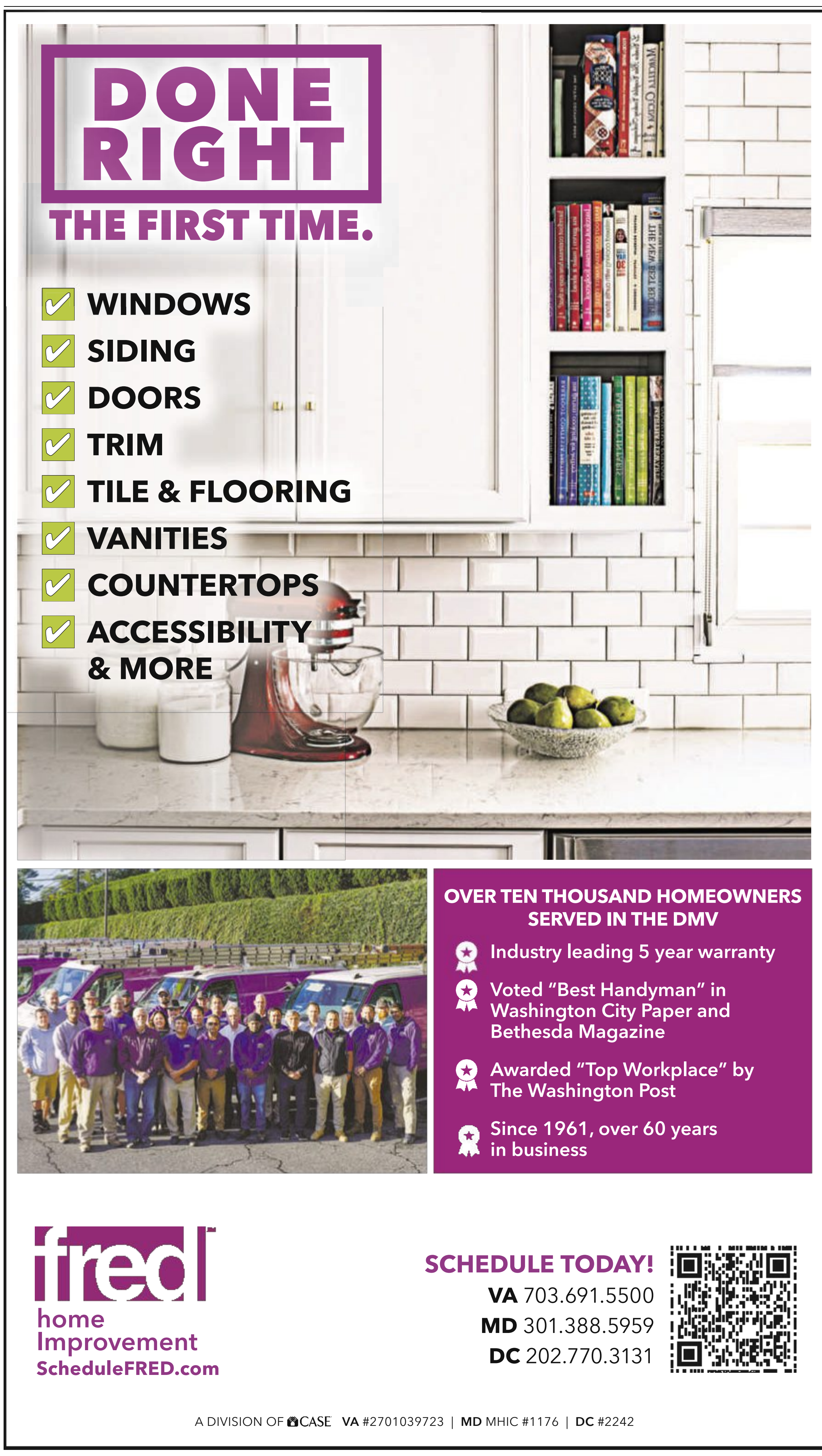
After Beatrice's long flight and even longer-awaited return home, Valentina decided she would no longer be taking the doll on trips.

"Now that I lost her, I'm kind of being a little more cautious," she said.

Danen, who has been flying professionally since 1985, including as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve, said that, years ago, his son had lost a stuffed animal at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The family never saw the toy raccoon, Rusty, again.

But Valentina and Beatrice had a different ending.

"I was happy to do it," he said. "To me it wasn't a big deal, but it was a big thing for her."



Newly discovered comet can be seen as it passes the sun

BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL

Earthlings over the next week or so will have their best chance of spotting a newly discovered comet before it disappears for 400-plus years.

Comet Nishimura — discovered by Japanese amateur astronomer Hideo Nishimura on Aug. 11 — is hurtling toward the sun on a path that will take it closest to Earth on Tuesday and closest to the sun five days later. It's already visible from Earth and yielding daily sightings by amateur astronomers, said Quanzhi Ye, a researcher at the University of Maryland who studies comets and asteroids.

"People get pretty excited because naked-eye comets are not so unusual, but not very common," Ye said. And because the comet was only discovered a month ago, "it's like getting a Christmas present on short notice."

Here's what to know about spotting the comet.

What is the comet's path?

Comets orbit close to the sun, and this one is inside the orbit of Mercury, the closest planet to the sun, according to NASA.

It's projected to come closest to Earth on Tuesday — but it will still be extremely far away, making it perhaps more likely to be spotted around Sunday, when it is predicted to be closest to the sun and at peak brightness, Ye said. Though it's already visible from Earth, the best viewing time will be around those dates.

Scientists have determined that the comet is on a 434-year orbit, Ye said, and it has passed through the inner solar system before. If it survives its trip past the sun, it would be on track to make a return journey around 2457.

NASA describes comets as cosmic snowballs, chunks of frozen dust, rock and ice that are a number of miles wide — or "the size of a small town." As a comet nears the sun and gets hotter, its dust and gases create the signature glowing head and tail, according to NASA. As the comet streaks across the sky, the tail stretches for millions of miles.

How can I see the comet?

The comet could be challenging for members of the public to see, but it's possible, Ye said. People who want to see the comet can try for multiple days over the next week and a half or so.

It will be visible near the horizon before sunrise. It can be seen anywhere in the Northern Hemisphere and will begin moving south toward the end of the month, Ye said, when it will become visible around sunset.

Ye recommended using binoculars, going to a higher elevation and finding a spot with a clear view of the horizon. People who can get to higher mountain elevations may have a better chance of spotting it.

"You really need a good pair of binoculars to pick it out," Paul Chodas, manager of NASA's Center for Near-Earth Object Studies, told the Associated Press.

The comet is predicted to reach about the same level of brightness as Polaris, known as the North Star — but comets are known to "do whatever they want," so if it suddenly brightened, it could become even more visible, Ye said.

"It'll be exciting. It'll be quite bright. But probably not on the level that it's a comet of the century," Ye said.

What do we know about this comet?

Amateur astronomers and scientists have been monitoring the comet for the past few weeks, collecting data and matching the comet to previous sightings before it had been identified. The comet appears to be healthy, and it has become more active over the past few weeks, Ye said.

Whether the comet will disintegrate when it gets closer to the sun is a key question. A comet moving by the sun is like "throwing an ice cream into a campfire," Ye said: the smaller the scoop, the faster it will melt.

Comet Nishimura appears to be small enough that it could break apart, but because it appears to have survived a previous passage by the sun, it could do so again, Ye said. Chodas told the AP it was "likely" to make it.

Some astronomers are positing that the comet is related to the annual Sigma Hydrids meteor shower, which could mean a more active meteor shower in December and more data for scientists, Ye said. Scientists want to learn more about showers that are related to comets with orbits that last hundreds or thousands of years.

That means the next few months will offer astronomers and hobbyists the chance to learn more about both the comet and the meteor shower — and, particularly in the next week or so, they will be closely watching how the comet behaves.

"Even right now, you could go outside and try your luck if you know where to look," Ye said. "Now, in the next couple months, will we have a chance to gather a lot of information."

Bear that killed hiker is euthanized

Grizzly with 'history of conflict' was caught after entering Montana home

BY TIMOTHY BELLA

A grizzly bear that killed a woman on a trail near Yellowstone National Park in July and injured someone else in 2020 was euthanized after the bear and her cub broke into a person's home in search of food, officials said Wednesday.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) said a homeowner in West Yellowstone, Mont., reported Saturday that a 10-year-old female grizzly bear and her cub "broke through a kitchen window of an occupied home and removed a container of dog food from inside the house." Officials identified the grizzly as the same bear that killed Amie Adamson, 48, of Derby, Kan., on a trail in the Custer Gallatin National Forest on July 22, according to a news release.

Hours after the homeowner's report, FWP officials and local law enforcement shot the adult bear and captured the cub "due to an immediate public safety threat from the bear's food-conditioned behavior," the agency said. Officials said they were given authorization to euthanize the adult grizzly from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service based on the mother bear's "history of conflict with people." Officials confirmed it was the same bear through genetic analysis and other identifying characteristics, FWP officials said.

"This bear was euthanized because it entered somebody's home, which is very unsafe behavior, very unnatural behavior for bears," Morgan Jacobsen, a spokesman for Montana FWP Region 3, told KBZK, a CBS affiliate in Bozeman, Mont.

The cub, a 46-pound male, is being held at FWP's wildlife rehabilitation center in Helena, the agency said Wednesday. The cub will be transferred to a zoo in the coming weeks, officials said.

The mother bear had been captured in 2017 for research purposes but was released, according to the department. In 2020, the grizzly injured a person during an encounter near Henrys Lake State Park in Idaho.

Then, in July, Adamson was found dead "following an apparent bear encounter" on the Buttermilk Trail, which is about a mile west of Yellowstone. Adamson was believed to be alone during the encounter, officials said, and no bear spray or firearms were found at the scene.

Without elaborating on why, FWP officials said the bear's actions toward Adamson, as well as in the 2020 incident, were evaluated and "deemed to be defensive responses." Even so, FWP officials said Wednesday, they attempted to capture and euthanize the bear following the July death.

"Multiple efforts to trap and remove the bear were made after the fatal attack in July due to the incident's proximity to residences, campgrounds, and high-use OHV trails," the agency said, referring to trails for off-highway vehicles. "These efforts were unsuccessful."

The estimated grizzly bear population has increased inside the Yellowstone ecosystem in recent years. It rose from 136 in 1975 to a peak of 1,063 in 2021, according to the National Park Service. A federally protected subspecies of brown bear that once roamed large swaths of the mountains and prairies of the American West, the grizzly bear now remains in a few isolated locations in the Lower 48 states, including Yellowstone.

The grizzly bear population has "expanded in abundance and distribution in Montana in recent years," which has proved to be a challenge for residents, according to Montana FWP.

"This [expansion] enhances the long-term prospects for population sustainability by increasing the likelihood of connectivity between recovery zones," the department said on its website. "However, because grizzly bears can damage property and injure people, their closer proximity to human habitation poses new challenges for Montanans."

Even with the increased population, grizzly bears are still faced with danger. A grizzly in Wyoming was found dead near Yellowstone in May in a case that sparked outrage among bear watchers and environmental activists concerned about how the animal was found with a disfigured face. The case remains under investigation by federal and state officials.

Grizzly bears can weigh between 200 to 700 pounds and adults are about 3½ feet at the shoulder when standing on all fours, according to the Park Service. The bears can climb trees, swim, and run up and downhill up to 40 mph. They are typically larger and have a "much more aggressive behavior" than black bears, the Park Service says.

While bear attacks at Yellowstone are rare, the park averages about one bear attack per year, officials say. Eight people have been killed in bear attacks in Yellowstone since the national park was established in 1872, data shows. Three visitors were killed by grizzly bears inside the park in separate incidents in 2011 and 2015. More than 40 people have been injured in bear attacks since 1979, the park says.

"More people have died by drowning or suffering thermal burns from hot springs than aggressive bears," the Park Service said. "For all park visitors combined, the chances of being injured by a grizzly bear are approximately 1 in 2.7 million visits. The risk is significantly lower for people who don't leave developed areas or roadsides, and higher for anyone hiking in the backcountry."

This time of year is when bears are more active for longer periods, as they are consuming more food in preparation for hibernation, according to the FWP.

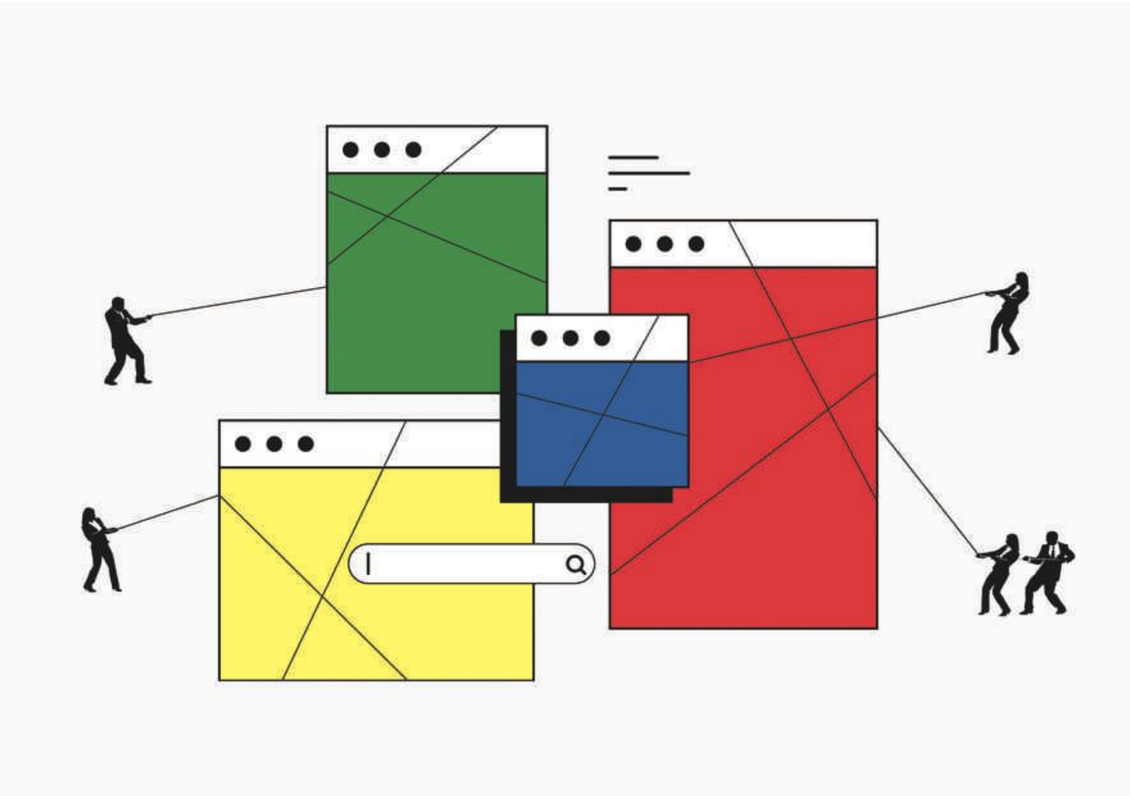
The Park Service recommends that people "keep at least 100 yards away from bears at all times and never approach a bear to take a photo." In addition, Yellowstone park officials have urged visitors to never feed bears and to honk the horn and drive away to discourage a bear from approaching or touching a car. Officials have also recommended that people make noise to scare a bear away and carry bear spray, a nonlethal deterrent used to stop aggressive behavior in the animals that has been proved to "reduce human injuries caused by bears and the number of bears killed by people in self-defense."

"Be prepared to use it immediately," the FWP said in a news release.

After the grizzly was euthanized, officials have stressed to residents in the Yellowstone area to be vigilant in preventing an unwanted house guest.

"Montana is bear country," the agency said. "Grizzly bear populations continue to become denser and more widespread in Montana, increasing the likelihood that residents and recreationists will encounter them in more places each year."

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Google antitrust trial could set stage for future of tech

GOOGLE FROM A1

into the next generation of technology, potentially stifling innovation in futuristic fields such as artificial intelligence.

Technologists say the arrival of advanced generative AI signals an inflection point: a chance for new players to rise to the top, or for the established victors to extend their lead. This case — and a follow-up case filed in January by the Justice Department — may play a role in determining the tech landscape for the coming decade and beyond.

"The Google case is one in a series of cases," said Blair Levin, a former tech policy official with the Federal Communications Commission. "It's a movement, not against an individual company, but a sector, and it is international in nature."

Over the next 10 weeks, the Justice Department and a group of state attorneys general will argue in a D.C. court that Google has illegally abused its monopoly power to run roughshod over rivals, inking deals to ensure dominance that include paying Apple to make Google search the default option on iPhones.

"Google pays billions of dollars each year to distributors — including popular-device manufacturers such as Apple, LG, Motorola, and Samsung … to secure default status for its general search engine," the Justice Department's complaint said.

The case was filed under the Trump administration in 2020 and rushed out the door to ensure it would be part of Attorney General William P. Barr's legacy, according to two people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters within the department. The Biden administration's DOJ has since filed a second antitrust case against Google, focused on its market dominance in advertising technology.

Google will argue that its singular status is because users prefer its service and that it drives innovation, rather than stifling it. "The number one search query on Bing worldwide is 'Google,' which tells you something about the fact that most people actually prefer using the Google search engine," Google's president of global affairs, Kent Walker, said in an interview, referring to Microsoft's less-popular search rival.

While the court case focuses on Google's search businesses, the outcome could affect whether the company can leverage its core product to dominate new sectors, such as AI, in coming years.

The Justice Department has used the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890 — the law prohibiting anti-competitive conduct invoked against Google — only sparingly against American high-tech companies, wary of weighing on innovation. But the department has interceded at key moments, and even with limited explicit penalties, these probes have reined in industry giants through what antitrust scholar Tim Wu calls the "policeman at the elbow" effect.

Though the DOJ dropped its 1969 lawsuit against IBM 13 years after it was filed, antitrust experts argue it curbed Big Blue enough to allow for the rise of Microsoft. By 2001, Microsoft had become the industry's lumbering giant, and the Justice Department filed antitrust charges. The case was settled, but some lawyers say it clipped Microsoft's wings enough that Google sailed past it to become king of the mobile era.

Google's rivals say it has abused this dominant status to crowd out competition in search. Kamyl Bazbaz, vice president of public affairs of DuckDuckGo, a privacy-focused search engine, said it takes an onerous 15 steps to choose DuckDuckGo as the default option on a smartphone running Google's Android operating system.

"Even though DuckDuckGo provides something extremely valuable that people want and Google won't provide — real privacy — Google makes it unduly difficult to use DuckDuckGo by default," he said.

Meanwhile, the tech giant has argued it is impossible to disconnect its businesses from one another: Its search engine is now deeply integrated with its most futuristic research areas, including its generative AI technology that competes with ChatGPT and its image-recognition function, Google Lens.

This case joins Biden administration actions aimed at curbing the powers of Big Tech. The Federal Trade Commission has filed an antitrust suit against Meta and sued Amazon for allegedly tricking millions of customers into enrolling in Prime. It has sought to block major tech companies such as Microsoft from acquisitions that could make them bigger and stronger.

Open Markets Institute Executive Director Barry Lynn, a veteran antitrust activist and an early mentor of FTC Chair Lina Khan, recalled finding few sympathetic ears when they pushed for antitrust enforcement against Google in the 2000s.

"People just thought we were insane," he said. "Google was the best thing since sliced bread."

Under the Obama administration, the FTC probed allegations of anticompetitive behavior in Google's search business, but it closed the case in 2013 without launching a formal investigation. Google's critics now call it a missed opportunity.

"It's clear the decision by the FTC to not proceed 10 years ago has not aged well," said Luther Lowe, senior vice president of public policy for the reviews platform Yelp, who has long been a sharp critic of Google's business practices. "The consumer web has been deoxygenated. There are fewer start-ups. The market is more calcified."

Prosecutors have remained tight-lipped on what penalties the DOJ would seek to impose on Google if it prevails. In its 2020 complaint, the DOJ said it was seeking "structural relief as needed to cure any anticompetitive harm," a broad term that could include breaking up the company, according to antitrust experts. Walker said he didn't believe the Justice Department is seeking to break up Google through this case.

Two earlier cases suggest potential models for remedies. To appease antitrust authorities in the European Union, Google rolled out a "choice screen" in 2019, allowing users to select their preferred search engine from a list instead of being defaulted to Google.

Microsoft's 2001 settlement with the Justice Department ended without a breakup of the company, which prosecutors had sought. Instead, Microsoft agreed to remedial measures, such as pledging it would not forbid clients using Windows to work with other software companies.

Regulators may also be wary of breaking up industry leaders if it might stymie innovation, as competition with China intensifies. One of the few times a federal antitrust suit has been used to chop up a tech company was the 1982 breakup of AT&T. While the dismantling of "Ma Bell" into the "Baby Bells" unleashed competition for telephone services, some scholars point to it as the beginning of the decline of Bell Labs, AT&T's legendary R&D unit, which is credited with inventing the transistor (the building block of a computer), the laser, satellites, solar cells and the fax machine.

Walker argued that Google's scale and deep pockets allow it to do similar fundamental research in the modern day, such as early research in AI algorithms that could not be immediately commercialized.

"The ability to do that comes from the Bell Labs equivalent: the ability to have computer-science researchers and PhDs thinking about the next generation of tools," he said. "That is a real benefit. And we want to be careful as we think about the benefits of traditional American antitrust law."

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, who has helped spearhead a coalition of states in joining the Justice Department's lawsuit, said the anticompetitive harm of Google's conduct looks clearer with the passage of time.

"In the 1990s, there was this view of the internet — it was such a dynamic, wide-open, competitive area that was just going to bring goodness to the world," he said. "Today, 2023, the world looks very different. At this point, we see a lot of harms."

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Rigging pro tennis: 'It was my entire life'

TENNIS FROM A1

biggest match-fixing rings in modern sports, large enough to earn Sargsyan a nickname whispered throughout the tennis world: the Maestro.

This Washington Post investigation of Sargsyan's criminal enterprise, and how the changing nature of gambling has corrupted tennis, is based on dozens of interviews with players, coaches, investigators, tennis officials and match fixers. The Post obtained tens of thousands of Sargsyan's text messages, hundreds of pages of internal European law-enforcement documents, and the interrogation transcripts of players.

By the time he was communicating with the players in Thailand, Sargsyan had honed his tactics. He had learned to nurture the ones who were nervous. He knew when to be businesslike and direct, communicating his offers like an auctioneer.

That was Sargsyan's approach on the night in June 2018 that would be his last as a match fixer. He explained to Aleksandrina Naydenova, a Bulgarian player struggling to break into the world's top 200, that she could choose how severely she wanted to tank a set. He sent the texts in English:

If she lost her first service game, she would make 1,000 euros, he wrote. If she lost the second one, she would make 1,200 euros. It didn't matter if she won the match, only that she lost those games.

Naydenova seemed willing.

"Give me some time to confirm," she wrote.

As Sargsyan waited, a Belgian police SWAT team was on its way to his parents' house. The team had been planning the raid for months, the culmination of a two-year investigation that spanned Western Europe.

Sargsyan placed the phone on his bedside table next to the others he used to message players and associates. He sprawled on his mattress, trying not to fall asleep. Then, from downstairs, he heard hushed voices speaking over walkie-talkies. He cracked open the door to his room and saw several police officers and a Belgian Malinois. The officers spotted their target: a short, chubby man in pajamas. They sprinted up the stairs and into Sargsyan's room.

Sargsyan lunged for his phones, but the officers got to them first. They put him in handcuffs and listed the charges against him: money laundering and fraud.

"I know what this is about," Sargsyan said.

The information on his devices would provide a remarkable window into what has become the world's most manipulated sport, according to betting regulators. Thousands of texts, gambling receipts and bank transfers laid out Sargsyan's ascent in remarkable detail, showing how an Armenian immigrant in Belgium with no background in tennis had managed to corrupt a sport with a refined, moneyed image.

Sargsyan described himself as a kind of Robin Hood, a patron who flouted the law and the ethics of tennis to reimburse its poorest players. The bulk of the sport's 1,300 tournaments are far-flung and offer little prize money. Some are so small that they are held on high school courts, paying winners as little as $2,352. And yet those same obscure matches, a long way from the luster of Wimbledon, have become vehicles for billions of dollars in gambling.

When he met recruits, Sargsyan introduced himself as a "sponsor" and a lifelong fan of the sport. He played down the illegality of match-fixing, wondering aloud how something so easy could be classified as a crime.

"It was my entire life," said Sargsyan, 33, during interviews conducted over 10 hours in which he described his criminal enterprise.

As investigators got closer to arresting him, they concluded that Sargsyan was working on behalf of a transnational criminal syndicate based in Armenia. He was sending millions of dollars to a man in the country's capital, Yerevan.

The Sargsyan investigation would lead tennis officials to issue a string of lifetime bans and suspensions from the sport. But even as they attempted to purge his network from the tour, more match-fixing alerts poured in.

When it came time to prosecute Sargsyan this spring, an attorney for professional tennis, Mathieu Baert, described the scale of the network to a Belgian courtroom.

"One of the largest match-fixing files ever to surface in the world," Baert said in his opening statement.

He told the judge about the trove of evidence found on Sargsyan's phones. There was more information that eluded investigators, on devices that Sargsyan had used and discarded; his story pointed to a larger problem facing the sport.

"The current results are, thus, the tip of the iceberg," Baert said.



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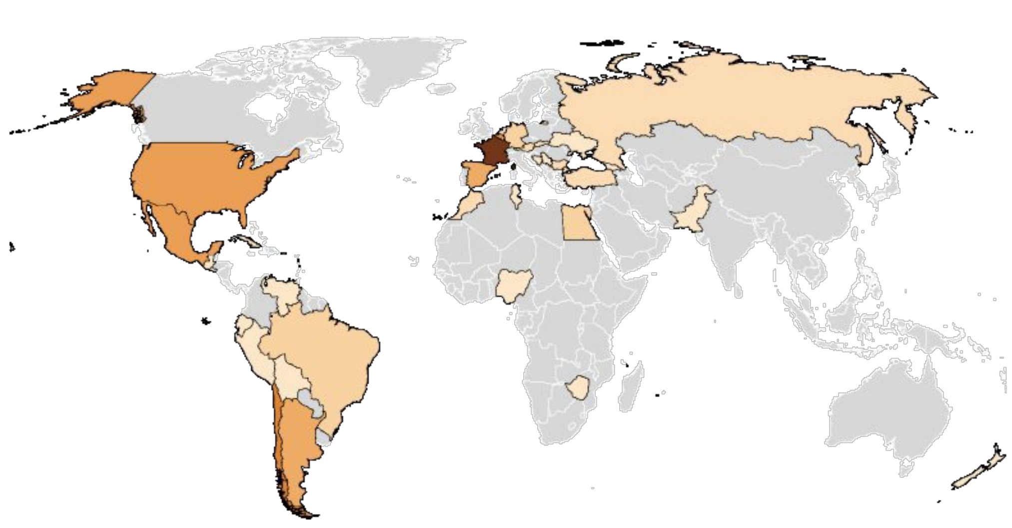


Grigor Sargsyan walks to court in Oudenaarde, Belgium, on April 27 of this year for the first hearing in his match-fixing trial. He had been arrested in 2018, but his trial was delayed by bureaucratic issues and then the coronavirus pandemic.

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Sargsyan's network included over 180 players from more than 30 countries, according to investigators.

1 player — 26 players



*The Post was able to identify 105 of the 181 players in the investigation. This map is drawn from that analysis.

Source: Belgian police and federal prosecutor's office.

Game, set, fix

In a two-part investigation, The Washington Post examined one of the biggest match-fixing rings in modern sports and the biggest match-fixing ring in tennis history.

By 2016, players began whispering about a man known as the Maestro. He went by other names, too: Gregory, Greg, GG and TonTon. Some players knew him as Ragnar, after the Viking warrior.

He would appear, out of nowhere, at a tournament in Valencia, Spain, speaking Spanish, ferrying players to the fanciest restaurant in the city in his Jaguar. Then he was on the sidelines of a tournament in Belgium, speaking perfect Russian. He appeared at a Berlin nightclub with German players. He made reservations at an exclusive restaurant in the South of France with a well-known coach from the United States.

He bought diamond rings for players' wives. He paid for flights. He handed out cellphones and the keys to an empty Brussels apartment. Players spoke of his charm, his seemingly endless supply of cash, his ability to shift among five languages. It was as if he strolled out of a European country club and was suddenly a fixture at professional tennis matches.

"Everyone in the tennis world knows that Maestro does match-fixing," Mick Lescure, a former French pro who collaborated with Sargsyan, told French police in 2019, according to a transcript of the interrogation. "He could make it so that two opponents playing each other are both working for him."

But none of the players knew much about the Maestro. Very few even knew his real name.

Grigor Sargsyan was born in 1990 in Armavir, Armenia, near the border with Turkey. He came to Brussels when he was 9. His parents cleaned houses and worked in construction. They lived in Saint-Josse, the city's poorest neighborhood and an arrival point for migrants from around the world.

Sargsyan was struck by the wealth and power that lay only a short walk from Saint-Josse. It was less than two miles from the European Parliament and some of the city's most glamorous residences. He and his friends slipped into fancy grocery stores, stealing caviar, lobster and champagne and fleeing with their hands full.

On the weekends, Sargsyan found a place in the city's competitive chess scene, where his life in Saint-Josse felt like a skin he could shed. He showed up in baggy shorts and a T-shirt and rose through the ranks. At 13, after winning a local tournament, he played against Anatoly Karpov, the former world chess champion.

Sargsyan liked the feeling of control chess gave him, he said, the way he could bend the game to his mind. It was, for a while, the thing that made him feel most powerful.

Then, one day during a game, Sargsyan felt a seed of doubt. He was considering his next move when the stakes suddenly felt overwhelming. One wrong move and he was done, his opponent ready to destroy him. It was a feeling that began to surface almost every time he played: His brain froze, as if a synapse had misfired.

"I became paranoid. You start to think, 'Everyone is trying to hurt and trap me,'" he said.

At 16, Sargsyan quit chess forever.

Instead, he took to walking aimlessly through the streets of Brussels. Once, he passed a betting office where the French Open was playing on television. It was the first time he'd ever watched a tennis match; he was transfixed. When his high school required students to sign up for a sport, Sargsyan chose tennis.

His Armenian friends in Saint-Josse joked that he was trying too hard to assimilate. His French had become impeccable. He dreamed of becoming a powerful lawyer. Now he was playing a sport in which even the scoring system seemed designed to obfuscate.

But when he returned to his neighborhood from tennis practice, Sargsyan would drop his academic French. He wanted to prove his street smarts however he could; in high school, he was caught stealing a live chicken.

"I could play two different characters," Sargsyan said.

By graduation, his friends who had once stolen lobsters and caviar were fixtures at the neighborhood bookmaker. They fell rapidly into debt by betting on soccer, Sargsyan said, their conversations revolving around their most recent wagers.

"It was all they talked about. They were on their phones constantly checking scores, checking odds," he said.

What about tennis? he wondered. Sargsyan learned that you could now bet on thousands of obscure matches around the world. Bookmakers were promoting wagers on tournaments at the margins of the sport. In some cases, the winners of these Futures or Challengers tournaments earned barely enough to pay for their hotel rooms. A poor player, he thought, could be a corruptible one.

"It was like I put my finger on the weakness," he said.

Sargsyan pored over the tour schedules, the hundreds of tournaments in cities so small that he hadn't heard of them, with the same journeymen lugging their own gear from one country to the next. Like him, these players lived on the border between poverty and wealth. Sargsyan thought: What would they be willing to do for a few thousand dollars?

"I needed to try," he said.

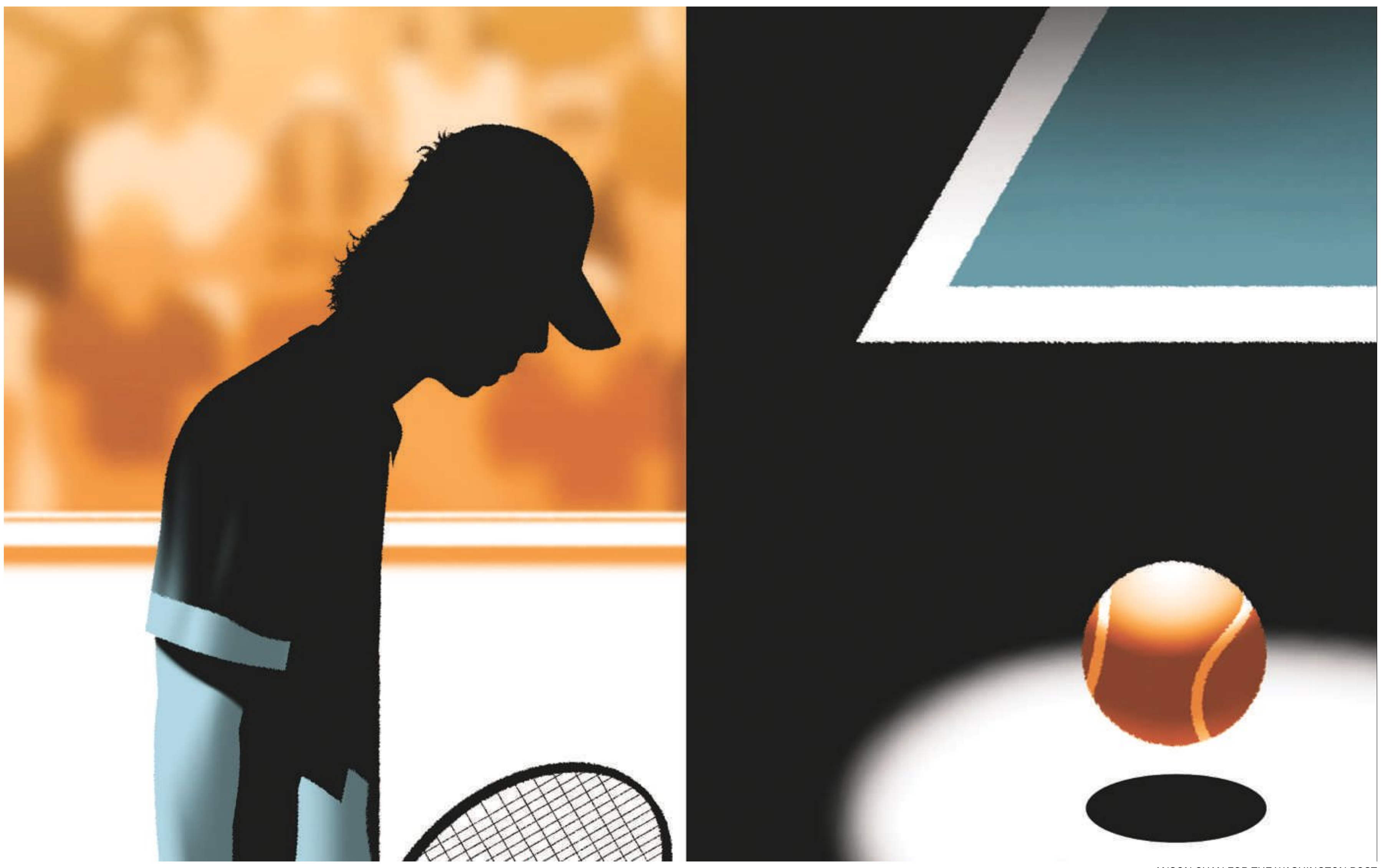
When most people watch a tennis match, they don't see a financial instrument. They see a display of pure athleticism: players returning serves at 130 miles per hour, an alchemy of power and control.

But Sargsyan learned that almost every professional tennis match in the world now serves a second purpose, as a vehicle for gambling. By 2014, you could go online or walk into a bookmaker's shop and bet on tens of thousands of matches a year across 65 countries. He learned that a sport that telegraphed its aristocratic bona fides — "a gentleman's game" — was an oddly welcoming place to commit fraud.

Sargsyan was part of a great tradition of tennis gamblers, a pastime nearly as old as the sport itself. For decades, they placed wagers on major tournaments, like the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. Bobby Riggs, the U.S. singles champion in the 1930s and '40s, was known to bet on his own matches. "I've got to have a bet going in order to play my best," Riggs wrote in his 1973 memoir, "Court Hustler."

But Sargsyan could tell tennis gambling was about to enter a new era. Widespread internet access and liberalized gambling laws made it possible to place bets on low-level tournaments in distant cities. You could bet on anything: a point, a game, a set.

Professional tennis is divided into three tours: the International Tennis Federation (ITF), covering the lowest tier of competition, and the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP Tour) and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), which host the sport's most elite matches and the mid-level Challenger series.



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The ITF and Challenger tournaments are pipelines for young talent and way stations for aging players struggling to stay in the sport. The tours hold more than 60,000 matches a year in cities from Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, to Aktobe, Kazakhstan, to Toulouse, France.

Even as players complained about not making a sustainable income, the ITF invited wagers on its obscure matches, signing a five-year, $70 million deal with Swiss data company Sportradar in 2016 that gave gamblers access to live updates on non-televised matches. That information allowed people like Sargsyan to place real-time bets, even though they couldn't watch the matches.

In the years following the Sportradar deal, gambling on tennis soared. Between 2016 and 2022, wagers surged more than 30 percent to $50 billion; by 2018, more than a quarter of that total was bet on the sport's lowest-level matches, according to bookmaker data.

"Whilst these deals have generated considerable funds for the sport, they have also greatly expanded the available markets for betting on the lowest levels of professional tennis," said an independent review on corruption in tennis commissioned by the professional federations in 2018. It said the deal was undertaken with "insufficient diligence."

But in 2021, the ITF extended its Sportradar deal for three years, despite earlier concerns from the review board. This March, the ATP Tour signed a similar deal with Sportradar, covering both the world's top tournaments and mid-level Challenger events, with the latter having already proved vulnerable to match fixers, including Sargsyan.

The ITF says the probability of a match being fixed fell to 0.1 percent in 2022, partly because of the creation of the International Tennis Integrity Agency, which the federation helps fund. Tennis officials argue that providing approved data to gamblers prevents wagers from being placed on distorted or fabricated scorekeeping.

Deals like the Sportradar one are "crucial to integrity protection," Stuart Miller, the ITF's senior executive director, said in a statement. "Unofficial data presents a greater integrity risk, including supply to unlicensed betting operators over which there is little oversight."

Andreas Krannich, Sportradar's executive vice president, said in a statement that the company's transmission of match data "is an important measure to safeguard integrity to minimize the risk of a black market because the demand is covered and the event is monitored."

The ATP did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Tennis now ranks third among the most wagered-on sports in the world, after soccer and basketball. In part because of the game's global footprint, more money is bet on tennis than on American football and baseball combined, according to the International Betting Integrity Association.

Even the most elite tennis players have been swarmed with offers from match fixers. Novak Djokovic, one of the top men's players in the world, said he was once offered $200,000 to lose a first-round match in Russia.

Law enforcement agencies around the world have grown increasingly concerned about the link between sports gambling and organized crime. The FBI and Interpol have each formed units to fight match-fixing. The United Nations has gotten involved, calling organized crime "a major and growing threat to sport."

The professional tennis tour receives roughly 100 match-fixing alerts a year from betting regulators who watch for patterns of suspicious wagers. That's more alerts than for any other sport — even with matches slipping under the radar, including many of the hundreds that Sargsyan fixed.

Since 2022, tennis officials have banned or suspended 40 players for match-fixing. But dismantling an entire network has proved enormously difficult.

The Sargsyan case, when it emerged, offered rare proof of how entrenched organized crime has become on the tour.



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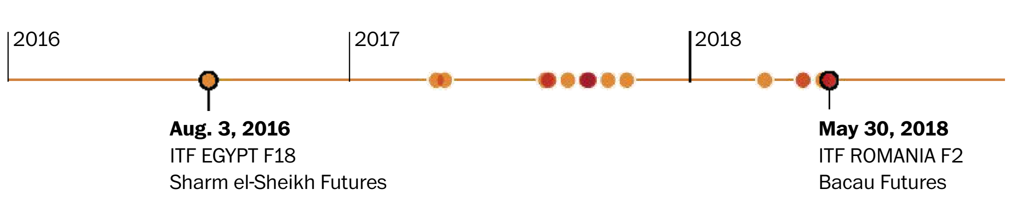


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Karim Hossam, left, plays a forehand in a first-round singles match at the 2012 French Open Junior Championships. With his family in Egypt facing financial woes, he would later decide to become one of the players on Sargsyan's roster. And he would eventually recruit his younger brother Youssef, seen below training in suburban Cairo in September 2017.

Matches fixed by the Hossam brothers

According to investigators, Karim and Youssef Hossam fixed at least 20 matches with Grigor Sargsyan from August 2016 to May 2018.



Source: Belgian police and federal prosecutor's office.

It started with $350. At the time, it was most of Sargsyan's savings.

He put the money in his wallet and climbed into a friend's hatchback. The Belgian countryside flashed past him. It was 2014. Sargsyan was 24, a law student at the University of Brussels. He was still living with his parents. His last brush with the police — when he'd been arrested for stealing a bicycle — was a few years behind him.

Now he was on his way to recruit his first professional tennis player.

Sargsyan had read about a tournament in Arlon, a small Belgian city on the Luxembourg border. He saw that the total purse for the tournament was less than $25,000 and that many of the players were journeymen who struggled to break even on the tour.

Sargsyan formulated his plan. He would identify a player who seemed desperate — maybe one of the men from Latin America or North Africa. Sargsyan said he assumed they would be the ones most in need. He would offer the player a portion of his winnings to throw a set. The player could still win the match.

Sargsyan arrived at the hotel where the players were staying. He looked across the lobby and saw a crowd of professional tennis players. They were some of the world's best athletes, men whose groundstrokes were as practiced and fluid as calligraphy. At their level, in almost any other major sport, they would be millionaires.

He walked over to a young player from Latin America who was stringing his racket in a corner of the lobby. Years later, when Sargsyan was asked whether he was nervous during his first approach, he scoffed, as if he was unfamiliar with the feeling.

"I don't get nervous."

The hotel wasn't glamorous. With the players preparing their own gear, it had the feel of a converted locker room. The ITF tour, Sargsyan would later learn, is full of moments that invert the image most people have of tennis. Players do their own laundry to save money; some share rooms; McDonald's is a popular post-match meal.

"Do you like gambling?" Sargsyan asked, and the player immediately seemed to know what he was talking about.

They walked outside. Sargsyan made his offer. He would pay the player to lose the second set of the match 6-0. The man accepted instantly, Sargsyan recalls.

The odds on the match were 11 to 1. The player tanked, just as he said he would, missing even easy returns, double-faulting, performatively slapping balls into the net. Sargsyan walked away with nearly $4,000. He paid the player, whom he would not identify, about $600.

"It was an incredible feeling," he said.

If there was something about the rush of competition that had almost broken him in his chess career, filling him with an overwhelming sense of losing control, fixing tennis matches felt like a renewed source of power.

He immediately planned on doing it again. He gave the Latin American player a ride to his girlfriend's house along the North Sea, euphoric as they sped through the countryside.

"Do you know any other players who might be interested?" Sargsyan asked him.

"Oh," the player said, "definitely."

The message popped up on Karim Hossam's phone from an unknown Belgian number.

"Hey bro."

Hossam immediately knew who it was. Match fixers could sense when players were most vulnerable, most in need of cash. And none of them more acutely than the man people called Gregory, who once again had timed his approach well.

Hossam was desperate.

He had been the 11th-best junior tennis player in the world and then the best professional player in Africa. The Egyptian was tall, with a powerful serve and a fierce forehand. His rise to stardom seemed inevitable.

But by the time he was 22, in 2016, Hossam had realized how difficult it was to survive as a professional tennis player outside the world's top 100. It cost thousands of dollars to travel between tournaments. He had to buy his own rackets and shoes.

The ITF tour was the most common road to the sport's highest ranks. A successful young player could enter an ITF Futures tournament one weekend and Wimbledon the next. But to Hossam, the tour's structure had come to seem absurd. Even if he won a tournament, he could barely cover his expenses. Most of the time, he spent more money to play tennis than he earned.

His family had bankrolled him for years, but those funds were running out. After the 2011 Arab Spring uprising in Egypt, his family's lumber plant outside Cairo had suffered. Then, in 2015, his father was diagnosed with cancer. The medical bills piled up.

So when the text message arrived from the man who called himself Gregory, Hossam was frantically looking for a way to stay afloat.

Sargsyan had gotten Hossam's number from a Moroccan player named Younès Rachidi, who would later break the inauspicious record for the most match-fixing offenses in the sport's history: 135 in less than 10 months. Rachidi told The Post he regrets his role in Sargsyan's ring. But he said he knows other players who fixed even more matches than he did who were never caught.

"It's like doubling your money. It feels perfect, and no one knows," Rachidi said. "You think, 'That's it?' The whole world is rose-colored."

Back then, though, he was just a friend of Hossam's, another journeyman on the ITF tour who saw match-fixing as a way to stay afloat.

"I trusted Rachidi, and so I responded to Gregory," Hossam later said in an interview.

The first time, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, Sargsyan asked whether Hossam would lose a set for $2,500. Hossam agreed, but he walked onto the court dizzy with dread. It felt strange to lose intentionally after a lifetime of being obsessed with winning.

"It felt like everyone was watching me. I felt like I was doing something wrong, like it wasn't normal. I invested my whole life in tennis. I was playing for 15 years, and then, all of a sudden, I'm selling matches to get money."

He looked at the chair umpire. Was it in Hossam's head, or did the umpire look suspicious? The crowd, too, seemed to stare at him askance.

"You're basically an actor on the court. Like if I'm losing love-30, then maybe I can play one point to make it look a little bit real and then miss the point after."

After he threw his first set for Sargsyan, he threw another — and then another.

"Grigor used to text me like: Hey, Karim, I have a really good offer for you — do you want to lose the first set 6-1, for example, and get this amount of money? He gives you options. And then if you're a seed or you have a better ranking, obviously, he gives you a better offer because everyone is betting on you to win."

Sometimes Sargsyan would ask him to throw a match against a much weaker player. That was particularly difficult.

"Obviously, if you're playing against a solid player, it's very easy to sell a match," Hossam said. "I can give him short balls and make him attack, you know, like make him play more aggressive, give him easy balls."

"But if you're playing against someone who is just missing balls, then I have to go out of my way, you know, like I have to make a double fault."

Hossam still knew Sargsyan only as Gregory, the rich kid who flew across Europe to watch tennis. The two eventually met in Valencia, where Hossam was playing a tournament. Sargsyan was exactly as Hossam had imagined: an impeccably dressed Belgian man in his 20s, oozing charm. He invited Hossam to one of the best restaurants in the city.

"He's just this really cool guy," Hossam later said. "Easy to talk to, well-connected, generous."

Hossam had met other match fixers on the ITF circuit. Some of them were professional players who gambled on the side. There was the player from Belarus who nagged him incessantly in the locker room; the Greek player who was notorious for not paying people who threw their matches at his request. Hossam had fixed a few matches with those men. But Sargsyan was different.

He paid quickly in cash or MoneyGram transfers. He responded to messages instantly, no matter when they were sent. He seemed to know everyone. So when Sargsyan proposed that Hossam recruit more players into the ring for a commission, Hossam didn't hesitate.

Hossam knew many of the best players from across the developing world, most of whom faced the same financial struggles he did. At major tournaments, they watched the giants of the game walk by in the locker room — Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, some of the wealthiest men in the history of sports. The gulf between the superstars and the journeymen felt at once narrow — a stronger serve, more consistent groundstrokes — and impossibly wide.

To Hossam, getting caught seemed inconceivable. He was so certain of the plan's infallibility that he decided to recruit his brother into Sargsyan's ring.

Youssef Hossam was four years younger and even more talented than Karim. He was relentless, dragging himself across the court to the point of exhaustion, even if he was losing. The family paid for him to train at the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy in southern France with Pat-

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rick Mouratoglou, Serena Williams's former coach. In 2017, Youssef's first full year playing professionally, he was immediately a star. He won five ITF tournaments, rocketing into the world's top 300.

"I believe I have the tennis to make the top 100. I don't see a huge gap," he told a reporter at the Australian Open in 2016. "I will need support, not just financial, although that is important because traveling to tournaments is very expensive."

Youssef had grown up worshiping his older brother. But the first time Karim broached the idea of fixing a match, Youssef recoiled, he said in an interview.

"I was like, 'What the hell is this?'"

Still, Youssef knew that his tennis academy cost thousands of dollars a month. It was more than Youssef made, even as he surpassed his brother on the tour. With his family's finances deteriorating, Youssef realized that without an infusion of cash, he would have to quit tennis.

"I was like, 'Okay, I cannot be selfish.' My brother and my dad are helping me, paying that amount of money for my practice, paying for this and that. This is the least I can do, you know, to help them financially."

The first time he agreed to fix a match was in Cairo in 2017. Karim explained that they could make $4,000 if Youssef lost the first set 6-2 to a much lesser player. It was enough to cover a few weeks at his training camp.

"It was the first time I had to step on the court and actually give like 20 or 30 percent," Youssef said. "I was like, 'No, this is not right.' But there are no options, you know, like we have zero money. If you fix this, you make money, you go practice, life goes on. If you don't fix this, we don't have money and you just stay at home."

Still, Youssef struggled to lose. His opponent was weak. To throw a set, Youssef began making errors that only a novice would make.

"I would just miss, hit the forehand as hard as I could, two meters out," he said.

But even then, he almost won too many games in the set.

"I had to do a couple extra double faults," he said.

The next time Youssef threw a match was in Sharm el-Sheikh. Karim walked over to the fence and beckoned his brother in the middle of a game. He had been texting with Sargsyan. There was an opportunity for a fix.

"I'm on the court. I will ask my brother now," Karim texted Sargsyan.

Their father was in the ICU. Youssef was having trouble focusing. He slammed his racket on the ground.

"Karim came to the fence and he asked me, 'Bro, do you want to lose the second set?'"

"And I was like, 'Yeah, whatever, man. I don't give a s---.' I just wanted to pull out."

It was a moment that would eventually bring both of their careers crashing down; Karim's courtside approach, the texts and Youssef's dramatic loss were overwhelming evidence of their match-fixing plan.

And yet, even after the brothers were caught, Sargsyan, seemingly untouchable, continued building his ring.

One of the first things Sargsyan did with his new fortune was buy a Rolex. It wasn't just that he liked the watch — though he did. It was an investment in the image he was trying to cultivate.

"These players, they're obsessed with Rolex," he said.

Sargsyan realized that he needed to project an aura of effortless, generational wealth to persuade players to throw matches as he prescribed. He often wore Hugo Boss from head to toe. He learned what bottles of wine to order, which restaurants served the best langoustines, which hotel in Barcelona had the best view of the Mediterranean.

He learned to wear the watch nonchalantly, as if he had forgotten it was on his wrist. But every move Sargsyan made was calculated. When he began speaking to a recruit, he would make sure the watch was covered by a shirt sleeve. Then he would casually ensure it became visible, unveiling it so the player couldn't help but notice.

"Like it was nothing," Sargsyan said.

It was the same with his Jaguar.

"It's actually not as expensive as people think," he said. "But it sends a message."

Sargsyan picked up on small details that hinted at a player's desperation. There was the French player struggling to buy a diamond engagement ring, so Sargsyan paid for it. There was the Chilean player who couldn't afford to fly his mother to his wedding, so Sargsyan bought the ticket.

Then there were the nightclubs and the dinners. There were the purchases that he still doesn't want to discuss publicly but that make him smile boyishly in reminiscence. Sometimes he would pay players more than he promised them. Other times, even if they failed to deliver, he would still hand them the cash.

"It was about keeping them happy," he said.

Sargsyan's face broadcast his joy in the life he had built out of nothing. He laughed easily, as if he saw levity in the world that was visible only to him. There was a kind of magnetism in that; spending time around Sargsyan was like being invited to a party that moved alongside him, insulated from consequence.

Still, he learned that some players, for personal reasons, were incorruptible. Being rejected was an inevitable part of being a match fixer.

"Sometimes you ask a guy how he's surviving on the tour and he tells you his father is a billionaire," Sargsyan said. "In those cases, you just move on."

Sargsyan knew that tennis was full of match fixers. His network would grow only if he was good to his roster. He often delivered the cash himself at train stations across Western Europe. In one month, authorities would later recount, he traveled between Belgium and Paris 22 times with envelopes of cash.

Some players, buoyed by Sargsyan's approach, encouraged him to gamble more money on their matches when the odds were good.

"Put 1,000 more. Go fast," Naydenova, the Bulgarian player, instructed Sargsyan in one message in 2016. Naydenova could not be reached for comment.

Naydenova's payment arrived promptly in Bulgaria by MoneyGram, addressed to her parents from a man in Armenia, according to receipts obtained by investigators. The sender was the same person who had dispatched much of Sargsyan's cash around the world. His name was Andranik Martirosyan.

Aleksandrina Naydenova playing in a doubles semifinal match at the WTA Prudential Hong Kong Tennis Open in October 2016. Struggling to break into the world's top 200, the Bulgarian ended up joining Sargsyan's ring, even pushing him to gamble more when the odds were good. "Put 1,000 more. Go fast," she messaged in 2016.


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None of the players had heard of him. Most paid little attention to where the money came from. But Martirosyan would turn out to be a critical figure. Belgian investigators would later write that he "was in charge of the financial part of the criminal organization."

Digital bank accounts linked to Martirosyan would receive a significant portion of Sargsyan's profits — at least 9 million euros in two years, according to wire transfer receipts obtained by investigators.

And yet Martirosyan, who declined to comment, appears to have been working with Sargsyan from an Armenian prison.

In 2015, just as Sargsyan was building his network, Martirosyan received a six-year prison sentence for assaulting several men on the dance floor of the Caliente nightclub in Armenia's capital, Yerevan. The official charge was hooliganism, according to court records.

It's unclear how he and Sargsyan met, or how Martirosyan operated from prison. The two men exchanged messages constantly. Once, when Sargsyan expressed concern about another criminal organization, it was Martirosyan who tried to reassure him.

"They will threaten with words, but when it comes down to carrying out what they say, they will do nothing," he wrote in a text.

"No," Sargsyan responded. "You are mistaken."

By 2017, Sargsyan had set a goal for himself: He wanted the biggest match-fixing network in tennis. He dreamed of opening his own tennis club in the South of France.

"I asked myself, 'How can I industrialize this?'"

He needed someone who could bring him not just one or two players, but an entire raft of talent.

In the Netherlands, he met Sebastian Rivera, a third-generation professional player from Chile who appeared to be headed to the top tier of tennis coaching. Rivera was lean, with long black hair that he wore in a bun or under a bandanna. He explained his coaching philosophy on his website: "There is a difference between good players and good competitors."

Rivera had secured a job with Sean Bollettieri-Abdali, the son of legendary coach Nick Bollettieri, at a tennis club in Newport Beach, Calif. Bollettieri, who had coached Andre Agassi, Venus and Serena Williams, and Boris Becker, worked frequently alongside his son. Rivera was in charge of training several of the program's best prospects. His coaching was incisive. He could watch someone play for a few minutes and come up with an astute diagnosis of their game.

"He was a really good coach. On the court, he was high-energy, very strict, with a good work ethic," said Bollettieri-Abdali, who managed the club. "He had all of the attributes."

But not long after Rivera began working at the club, Bollettieri-Abdali began to suspect that something about him was off.

"I knew that guy was f---ing trouble."

Rivera seemed to know every promising young player in Latin America, which made him a major asset to the Bollettieri expansion efforts. It was that same network that made him valuable to Sargsyan.

When the two met in the Netherlands, they sized each other up. Sargsyan had come to see tennis as a world divided between the rich and the poor. Was Rivera poor enough that he could be tempted?

Rivera looked at Sargsyan.

"The guy was super-nice and polite, like a country club kid in a polo," Rivera recalled in an interview. "He looked 23 years old. He has his Rolex. He's this rich kid who says he's there to help players."

Rivera listened to Sargsyan's pitch. It was the beginning of a lucrative partnership.

At the Bollettieri club, Rivera asked players if they were interested in throwing matches. Between practice sessions on the pristine, palm-tree-lined courts, he asked other coaches if they were willing to recruit prospects into Sargsyan's network.

"He would come up to us and ask, 'Do you want to make extra money on the side?'" recalled one coach, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he worried about angering Rivera. "He wanted us to introduce him to players who trusted us."


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In 2017 and 2018, Rivera would bring Sargsyan 34 players from the Bollettieri club and beyond, including six Americans, according to Belgian authorities, receiving at least $90,000 in commission. Their relationship is captured in hundreds of pages of text messages later seized by investigators and provided to The Post.

"Sebass, tell him to say his price for the second set," Sargsyan said about a singles match he wanted a player to throw.

"Ok bro," Rivera said.

A few messages later, after Rivera consulted with the player, the deal was done.

"Confirmed," Rivera wrote.

The two became close, texting at all hours. Sargsyan sometimes got upset with Rivera when he wasn't available in the middle of the night.

"Sebass, you fall asleep," he wrote, adding a sad-face emoji. "Like this, it is impossible to work."

In the interview, Rivera came up with an elaborate explanation for his involvement. He said he was working undercover for a BBC journalist doing an investigation into match-fixing.

"Chris something," he said. "I wish I could remember his last name."

Rivera said he maintained the relationship with Sargsyan, continuing to connect him to players, so that no one would suspect he was working with a reporter to document corruption in the sport.

"To keep it cool, you know?" he said.

When asked about Rivera, the BBC said in a statement that it "has seen no evidence to substantiate these claims. … The BBC has high journalistic standards and we have strict processes and guidelines in place that we must adhere to."

In 2016, in a joint investigation, the BBC and BuzzFeed reported that several top players were suspected of fixing matches, even though they were never punished.

One of the players in Rivera's circle was Dagmara Baskova, a top professional in Slovakia. She had gone pro when she was 15. On the tour, she was drawn to players who, like her, didn't come from wealth.

"A lot of the players, especially the Russians, come from rich families," she said. "For me, tennis was an escape from life."

Baskova met Rivera first in Sharm el-Sheikh and then again in Tunis. They smoked hookah in his hotel room. He started coaching her informally, and she could immediately see his talent. "He can read your tennis instantly," she said. "He'll tell you how to use your weapons."

By 2017, when she was 26, Baskova's knee was badly injured. The surgery was more than she could afford, and even with the best medical care, she would never return to top form. She could tell her career was over.

She ran into Rivera at the hotel.

"I told him my knee was hurting, and he said, 'You know, you can sell your match,'" she recalled in an interview.

Rivera gave her three options for how badly to lose a set. Losing, she learned, was easy.

"For example, when I was serving, I just hit a double fault on purpose," she said.

The money arrived via MoneyGram from Armenia: $10,000 for the fix. She did it again and again. By the time she was done fixing matches a few months later, she had made an effortless $50,000, she said. She dreamed of starting a tennis club in Thailand.

"It was the money I needed to prepare for my life beyond tennis," she said.

As his network grew, Sargsyan became suspicious that the police were on to him. He believed he was being followed — into a pizzeria, a park where he strolled after midnight, a train station in Paris. He worried about his phones being wiretapped.

Rivera could tell that Sargsyan was growing more anxious, the carefully constructed veneer of wealth and insouciance occasionally wearing thin. Sargsyan would sometimes snap when players didn't lose after promising to, or when they made it obvious they were losing on purpose. When one match in Egypt went awry, Sargsyan sent Rivera a flurry of threatening texts.

"I'm mad."

"The f--- I'm doing this since 3am."

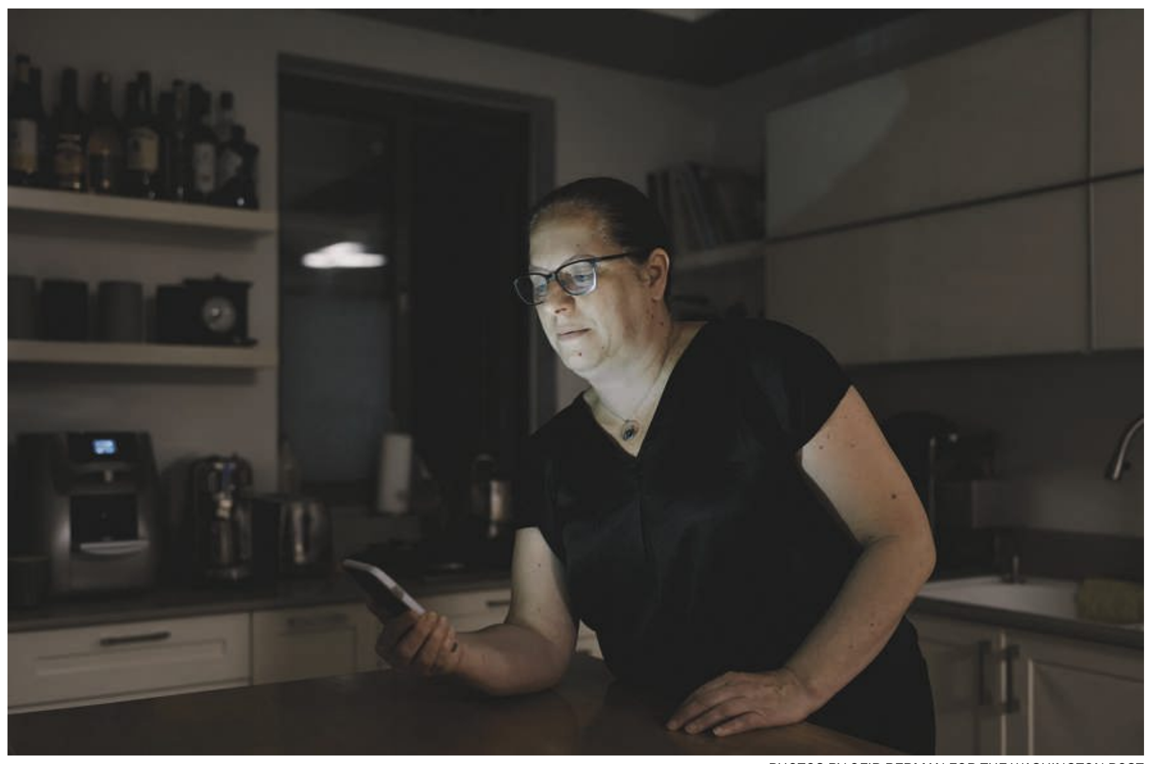
"I will break his legs."

It would turn out that Sargsyan's fears were not unfounded. He was being watched.

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Endocrinologist Avivit Cahn, above left, and infectious-disease specialist Keren Olshtain-Pops, above right, have been colleagues at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem for over a decade. While Cahn supports the Israeli government's campaign to overhaul the judicial system, Olshtain-Pops fears the nation is on the road to theocracy. Below, a sign reads, "At Hadassah we treat each other with mutual respect."

Two doctors on opposite sides of the culture war that is tearing Israel apart

BY SHIRA RUBIN IN JERUSALEM

Avivit Cahn and Keren Olshtain-Pops have worked side-by-side in one of Israel's most esteemed hospitals for more than a decade.

On morning rounds and in late-night meetings, they have consulted on cases, trained interns and co-written academic articles.

Now, Cahn, an endocrinologist, and Olshtain-Pops, an infectious-disease specialist, find themselves on opposite sides of a struggle that threatens to tear their country apart — two among millions of Israelis whose personal and professional relationships have been thrown into turmoil by a government campaign to overhaul the judicial system.

"The ethos was always that politics can never cross the threshold of our ER," said Cahn, in her office at Hadassah Hospital. "But in the past few months all our sacred cows have been slaughtered."

Hadassah serves Jerusalem's mixed population of Jews — religious and secular — and Palestinians. It employs a diverse, multilingual staff.

Through wars, waves of terrorism and government collapses, personnel say the hospital has always felt like a refuge — governed by shared values and clinical precision, a world away from Israel's perpetual tumult.

But in the face of an unprecedented political crisis and explosive street protests, this place of healing has become another front line in the country's raging culture wars.



Homeland

Cahn grew up in Sanhedria, an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in northern Jerusalem that shunned the modern world. Her father wore a black hat, in accordance with tradition. But he bought the family a TV — a taboo in their closed society — and worked as a doctor.

He also made the rare decision to serve as a medic in the Israeli military, breaking with the community's expectation that men dedicate their lives to studying the Torah.

Cahn wears a wig, a customary show of modesty, but no longer identifies as ultra-Orthodox. She belongs now to the Religious Zionism movement, the second-largest bloc in Israel's government, which promotes a muscular, unapologetic version of Jewish nationalism.

"I believe that the Jewish nation and the Torah and the land, they all come together," she said. "Much of the country supports this, and yet there are judges sitting in the court who are not chosen by the nation, who are overturning the will of the nation."

Olshtain-Pops is a Jerusalemite too, but from the secular side of town. She was raised as the daughter of immigrants from Poland and Romania, "in the shadow of the Holocaust."

When she was 10 years old, her parents moved the family to the United States, but she counted the days until she could return to Jerusalem, feeling that "home was not just a place we lived in."

Like Cahn, she believes that Israel is the Jewish homeland.

And yet she has come to feel more and more like a stranger in her own city. When she worked in Shaarei Tzedek, a religiously run public hospital, she felt like the "token lefty." And she has watched secular neighborhoods be transformed into religious strongholds as more ultra-Orthodox families have moved in. Residents have put up roadblocks to prevent cars from driving through on Shabbat. Non-kosher restaurants have shuttered.

Her teenage daughter told her recently that she does not feel comfortable riding the bus or walking in nearby neighborhoods without covering her body.

Under the current government, the most far-right and religious in Israeli history, Olshtain-Pops fears the country is on the road to theocracy: "There's a feeling that the past 20 years will go backwards," she said.

The vanishing middle

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not campaign on judicial restructuring, though it has come to define his sixth term. His ultranationalist and ultra-Orthodox coalition partners have already helped him push through a measure weakening the Supreme Court's ability to strike down government decisions.

Netanyahu and his allies have said that they want to go further, potentially giving themselves the power to appoint sympathetic judges and making it virtually impossible for the Supreme Court to review Knesset legislation.

Israel's Supreme Court has long been a polarizing institution — viewed by religious conservatives as a bastion of the secular left, and by the secular left as a guardrail against religious conservatism.

Cahn believes the process is long overdue. The "very extreme, very activist and very left-wing court" she said, has "been leading a policy that is opposing Israel as a Jewish state." She cited accommodations for African asylum seekers and non-Jewish refugees from Ukraine, who she said threatened to dilute the Jewish nation.

She fears progressives will overturn policies that are dear to the devout — such as a ban on public transportation on Shabbat — measures she says lend "substance" to living a Jewish life in Israel.

"The Supreme Court is trying to make Israel less of a Jewish state and more of a state for all its citizens," Cahn said.

Olshtain-Pops sees the court as vital to upholding the diversity of the Jewish nation — promoting values developed over centuries, when Jews were refugees or persecuted minorities.

"Our history, as the Jewish nation, is not only about religion in the Orthodox sense," she said. "It's also about our humanistic values, which the Supreme Court is attempting to protect."

In the struggle over the judiciary, both women see a more elemental battle over the character of Israel — pitting the religious against the secular; conservatives against progressives; Ashkenazim, descendants of European Jews, against Mizrachim, who hail from the Middle East.

As the Knesset has worked to advance the overhaul over the past eight months, millions of protesters have flooded the streets, hoisting Israeli flags and standing their ground against water cannons. They have blocked intercity highways and train stations, shuttered malls and the international airport — part of a furious and sustained public groundswell unlike anything in the country's history.

Nearly every Saturday night for 35 straight weeks, Olshtain-Pops has been among the crowds.

"It's important we have a presence," she said at a recent evening demonstration, where several hundred people gathered at the president's residence in Jerusalem, beating drums and chanting, "The Supreme Court will protect its minorities!"

She was comforted to be among like-minded people. In much of her daily life, she said, "I'm surrounded by right-wingers and religious people."

Like Cahn, she views herself as belonging to the "sane" side of the divide. They both claim to want compromise. But they also believe, absolutely, that they are right.

"There've been disagreements before," Olshtain-Pops said. "But now there is a feeling that they're not listening to us. And as it all gets more extreme, we feel less motivated to meet them in the middle."

Hard decisions

On a recent afternoon, the two women took a break from their packed schedules to discuss the topics they had felt looming but had carefully avoided. Olshtain-Pops, usually reserved, was instantly relaxed by Cahn's presence, even as they launched into a tense debate.

A recent conference on Type 1 diabetes at a publicly funded hospital was meant to be segregated by gender, in deference to the ultra-Orthodox audience, but it was canceled after a public uproar.

Cahn thought the controversy was overblown: "I believe in processes," she said. "I don't come to educate anyone."

Olshtain-Pops was outraged, seeing it as the latest example of religious norms being imposed in public spaces.

"It's a slippery slope," she said.

At Hadassah, administrators are scrambling to keep political debate out of clinical WhatsApp groups. Employees have been told not to show up to work wearing political insignia. But the walls of the hospital are no longer a barrier to the turmoil outside.

In December, Orit Strouk, a far-right minister, told Kan public radio that a doctor has the right to refuse treatment to patients if it "violates his religious faith."

Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, the leader of the Knesset's largest political bloc after Netanyahu's Likud, has described himself as a "proud homophobe."

Olshtain-Pops treats many HIV patients and members of the LGBTQ+ community and has "no doubt" that they "will be the first to be affected."

She has worked with lesbian couples who have been refused fertility treatments at some hospitals — the subject of two ongoing class-action discrimination lawsuits — and has had to refer them to other clinics.

"There are still enough places in Israel where they allow it," she said, though she worries that may not always be the case.

At least two of her patients once belonged to Orthodox religious sects and were forced to undergo "conversion therapy" — a widely discredited practice that aims to "cure" gay and transgender people. It has been banned by the Israel Medical Association, but is promoted by religiously conservative NGOs that were empowered by the Health Ministry this year to provide educational resources to public schools.

Cahn dismisses concerns about discrimination, pointing to Israel's robust, socialist-based medical system, which provides state-subsidized abortions, fertility treatments, hormone therapy for transgender people, and, as of last year, surrogacy for gay male couples.

She has also treated members of the LGBTQ+ community. Every health-care system, she said, makes hard decisions about prioritizing care.

"Funding that goes to a transgender clinic, for example, may not go to a diabetes or oncology clinic. So, what is right and what is wrong?" she said. "That's the reason we have elections, so every government can bring their own minister, to make the hard decisions."

Cahn and Olshtain-Pops both describe themselves as formerly apolitical people. But the politics of the moment now feel inescapable, at work and at home.

As they ate their lunches together at Cahn's desk, which overflowed with patient cases and academic research papers, the women bonded over their children, who were developing their own strong political views.

Cahn told a story about her rebellious 20-year-old daughter, who, over a recent Shabbat meal, "lectured" her mother on the need to acknowledge the fears of many Israelis who say the judicial overhaul will destroy democracy.

Olshtain-Pops howled with laughter as her friend re-created the scene.

"I've voted five times, and now they're talking about ousting Netanyahu?" Cahn asked incredulously, smiling wide as she recounted her response to her daughter.

"So, what, am I supposed to give up on my sovereignty, on my vote? Come on! It's not serious!"

Olshtain-Pops had stopped laughing.

DIGEST

SUDAN

At least 43 killed in drone attack in market

A drone attack Sunday on an open market south of Sudan's capital, Khartoum, killed at least 43 people, activists and a medical group said, as the military and a powerful rival paramilitary group battle for control of the country.

More than 55 others were wounded in the attack in the Khartoum neighborhood, where paramilitary forces battling the military were heavily deployed, the Sudan Doctors Union said in a statement.

Sudan has been rocked by violence since mid-April, when tensions between the country's military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces burst into open fighting.

The RSF blamed the military's air force for Sunday's attack, while the military said it didn't target civilians, describing the RSF accusations as "false and misleading claims."

Indiscriminate shelling and airstrikes by both factions are not uncommon in Sudan's war.

— Associated Press

Sick American trapped in Turkish cave is lifted halfway out: Rescuers raced Sunday to rescue an American caver who had become trapped more than 3,400 feet underground in southern Turkey, moving him halfway to the surface. Mark Dickey, 40, was on an international exploration expedition in the Morca cave, the country's third-deepest, when he began suffering from gastrointestinal bleeding. More than 150 rescuers from Turkey and other countries have been working for days to rescue him. "Our medical team is working really hard to try to keep Mark's condition as stable as possible. Since yesterday, we started lifting the stretcher and transporting him through the cave," Giuseppe Conti, chair of the European Cave Rescue Association technical commission, told reporters. "We have to do it very carefully because we cannot risk any conditions worsening [for] Mark." Other officials said his medical condition "is very good" and that they expected him to be out in two to three days "if they don't experience any problems."

— Reuters

Anger, despair as communities await government aid



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LEFT: A woman walks through the rubble of the Jewish quarter of Amizmiz, Morocco. BELOW: A family walks amid the rubble to check on their home in the Jewish quarter of Amizmiz. The area was hit by an 6.8-magnitude earthquake on Friday and many structures were still collapsing on Sunday afternoon.

MOROCCO FROM A1

In the small town of Amizmiz, buildings were still collapsing Sunday afternoon, nearly 40 hours removed from the Friday night quake. In one home, traces of its former inhabitants could be glimpsed in the ruins of a second-floor ceiling: velveteen blankets, suitcases, rugs, a sagging mattress. Survivors had moved to higher ground, pitching tents on stretches of flat, dry land.

Though aid had begun to trickle into Amizmiz, an administrative center nestled in a mountain valley, no search-and-rescue teams had arrived. The blare of sirens could be heard in the distance, as ambulances raced up the main road toward villages deeper in the countryside.

Morocco has deployed its army to lead search-and-rescue efforts, and has mobilized more than 1,000 doctors and 1,500 nurses. Aid groups have set up shelters for residents who lost their homes or who cannot return to them due to structural damage or fear of aftershocks.

The country's Royal Palace has remained mostly silent in the early days of the crisis. Images of King Mohammed VI chairing emergency cabinet meetings have been shared on social media, but the king has yet to address the public.

"There is a tendency for [the palace] to sort of be cautious, be careful, calculate his image, make sure that all the moments are right before he is put out there," said Intissar Fakir, director of the Middle East Institute's North Africa and Sahel program. "This circumstance really needed something much more immediate, and needed something much more sort of organic and heartfelt."

In the center of Amizmiz, an angry crowd surrounded a Moroccan soldier. "This is chaos," one man shouted.

The quake zone is vast, remote and rugged. Many roads are still blocked by debris; untold numbers of crumbled homes still need to be searched for survivors. Some of the worst-hit areas can be reached only by helicopter.

Offers of support have poured in from around the world, and specialized rescue crews across the European Union stood ready to deploy. An assessment team from the United States arrived Sunday to support the efforts of the Moroccan government.

"We have the U.S. Agency for International Development, which takes the lead in these efforts, that is ready to go," Secretary of State Antony Blinken told CNN. "And we await word from the Moroccan government to find out how we can help, where we can help."

But by late Sunday, Moroccan authorities had accepted help from only a handful of countries.

Tunisia's interior ministry said Sunday that it was sending a team of about 50 people, including medical staff and canines, as well as a makeshift field hospital, thermal monitoring devices and a drone. Rescue teams from Qatar, Spain, Britain and the United Arab Emirates were also being discussed, authorities said.

Ali Ouali Abdelgahni, 40, said his family had lived in Amizmiz for more than a century. Their home was gone now. "There is nothing left," he said. "It's just God's will. What matters is that everyone, my family members, are safe."

In the absence of government help, the community had pulled together. Relatives in Europe sent money. Neighbors opened their homes and pantries. "If your house is half damaged and you still have some furniture, some food, you share with people whose houses are fully destroyed," Abdelgahni said.

After the initial shock, Dahir Mourad, a butcher, reopened his shop Sunday so locals could eat. "My shop survived, thank God, maybe to help," he said. He recalled nightmarish details of the earthquake: "Horrific sights, broken limbs, people running in a frenzy."

"We haven't slept since," he said. "We're pulling people out from the rubble."

With no proper hospital nearby, victims can only be taken to the local medical center for triage. Any treatment beyond splints and stitches requires a trip to Marrakesh, about an hour and a half away.

At the medical center Sunday afternoon, volunteer staff and aid workers with the Red Cross and Red Crescent rushed old women hooked to IVs into waiting ambulances. A body bag on a stretcher was rolled toward the morgue.

"The situation is currently stable," said doctor Yaqoubi Abdelhadi. "But since people haven't yet come from remote areas, we are in high alert to brace for what may come."

Around 20 doctors — all of them volunteers, from around the country and abroad — were working 24/7, he said. They'd treated hundreds of patients so far, he estimated, and were working with authorities to access remote villages.

"The situation is catastrophic," said Mohamed Hanine, a nurse at the scene. "Coordination is terrible, locating places is impossible. Some villages are inaccessible. We have no way to get to them."

The worst-hit provinces are among the poorest in Morocco, with some homes lacking electricity or running water, even in better times. Rural Moroccans have struggled in recent years to recover from the economic shock of the pandemic and, more recently, to cope with inflation and rising food prices.

"The reality is that the moment you step out of Marrakesh, the people are essentially living as if they are back in the Middle Ages because of the absence of the state," said Samia Errazzouki, an expert in Moroccan history and governance at Stanford University.



"And that is just on a day-to-day basis. And then you compound that with a natural disaster of this magnitude."

Because of that legacy of state neglect in remote, ethnically Amazigh communities, civil society tends to be strong here, according to academics who study the region.

In the village of Ait Tirghit, closer to the epicenter, Aziz Laddib said some 70 residents owed their lives to that sense of community. When the ground began to tremble, neighbors ran through the streets to rouse those still sleeping. They shouted "earthquake" and banged on doors, he said.

In Moulay Brahim, a cement-brick village with pink-walled buildings, 30-year-old Mostafa Ichide, a graphic designer, said the only food aid to reach the community had come from civilian groups. "They were all sent by Moroccan citizens to their brethren," he said. "We have seen ambulances, but most of them have foreign plates."

Drone footage from the area showed a landscape of shattered homes and businesses. What remained of several roofs were slumped flat over the few brick walls still standing. "People are starving, they are hungry and thirsty, there is no running water," Ichide said.

He had been with his friend Abdelsamad before the quake, arguing about soccer, joking and gossiping about friends. They parted ways at 10:45 that night. The earth started shaking at 11:11.

Ichide passed out as the air filled with screams. He awoke to learn that Abdelsamad had been crushed as he ran to save his mother from their collapsing home. Farther down the mountain, two other friends the pair had spent the night bantering about were also dead.

In that moment, he said, he felt like he had fallen into a dream. "I have not woken up from it," he said.

Ichide was still helping to pull other young people from the rubble late Sunday, before sleeping another night outside in the chilly mountain air.

"I have not fully grasped what happened," he said.

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Morocco earthquake survivors saw houses crumble and neighbors fall

BY DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF

His wife woke him and his 1-year-old daughter shortly after 11 p.m. They had to leave immediately, she told him.

"It was something atrocious," Aziz Taki remembers thinking. He had experienced earthquakes before, but "not like this."

He lived on the ground floor of his family home in Marrakesh and first got his wife and daughter into the alley. Then he went upstairs to get his father, mother and two brothers.

"But my dad is so attached to the house," Taki said of his 93-year-old father, Omar. "So he wouldn't leave."

A collapsing roof coaxed Omar outside.

During Friday's late-night earthquakes across Morocco, witnesses and survivors recounted rushing out of buildings to areas filled with dust and debris and people. Some were also tourists, who joined the cascade of residents at nearby squares to distance themselves from buildings that could fall at any minute.

The quake's epicenter was in the remote and historically underserved al-Haouz province, about 44 miles south of Marrakesh. It was felt far beyond, in Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Fez and other cities. The 6.8-magnitude quake, which struck at 11:11 p.m. local time, was the strongest to hit the area in more than a century.

> Residents wade through haze-filled streets to find safety at nearby squares

Bodies littered streets, some of the more than 2,000 people who were killed across the country.

"It was a complete mess," Taki, 40, said over the phone.

Once Omar agreed to leave, the family entered one of the many narrow alleys that made up the old city of Marrakesh, where they saw what seemed like their entire neighborhood trying to get out.

Dust was everywhere. Everyone was screaming. Pushed up against each other, the neighbors moved toward a nearby square, where they hoped they'd be safe from collapsing buildings. Five or 10 minutes later, Taki's family reached the Bab Elmaleh square.

Taki, a grocer, left his family and went back into the neighborhood to help others escape and to get blankets. They realized they'd be sleeping in the square.

Back in the neighborhood, he thinks he saw eight people dying or already dead, including a mother and her young son, and the body of a man who had jumped out of a building.

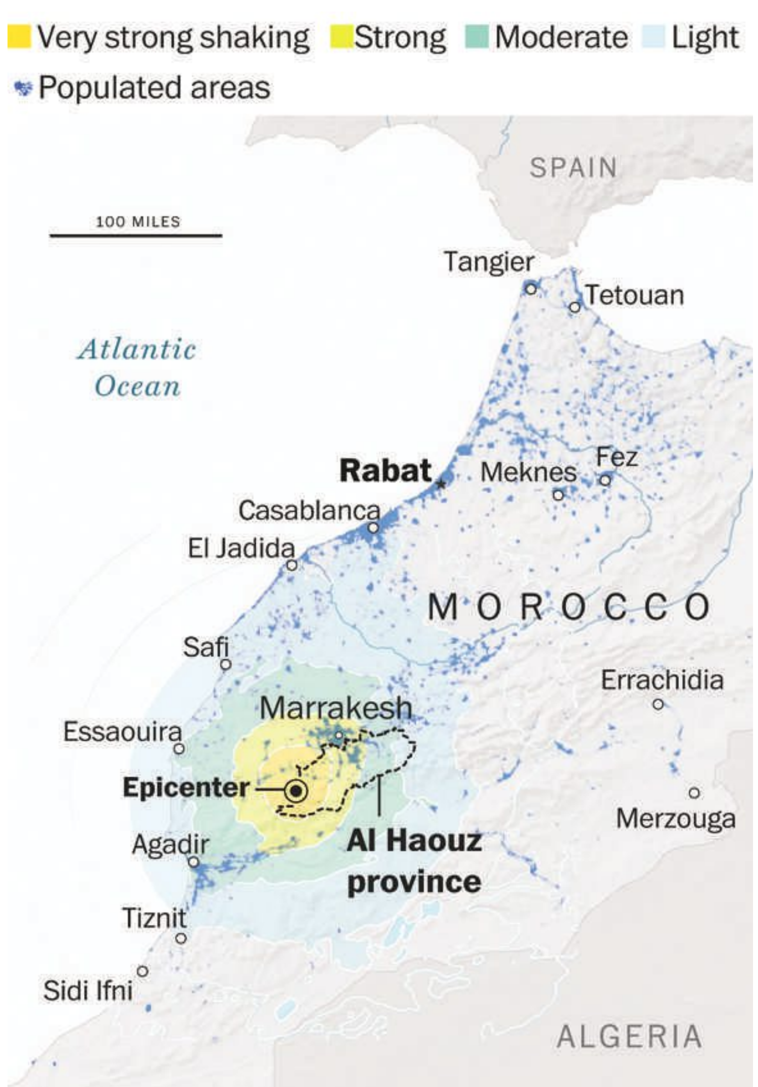
Near his house, Taki saw a neighbor in his 30s stumble outside his home, covered in dust. He took three or four steps and collapsed in the spot where he would die.

"I was heartbroken," Taki said. "Imagine the fact that the person who is dying in front of you was once a neighbor and a friend."

Taki ran into his house, grabbed the blankets and saw what remained.

It looked like "someone took a huge knife and sliced through the corners of my house," he said. The four walls had separated. Authorities later told him the house could collapse at any moment.

He returned to the square, where he would spend the night watching his neighbors. His toddler, he said, was in shock. It seemed like at least 800 people had congregated in the square with blankets.



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Few seemed to sleep.

Nearby, Sebastian Rosemont was settling down with his wife, Genia, in a Marrakesh guesthouse when the shaking began.

It was stronger than any earthquake Rosemont, 32, had ever felt.

"It just seemed to keep shaking," he said when reached by phone Saturday evening.

He and his wife crouched in the second-floor room, waiting for it to end.

The earthquake shook Morocco seven months after one killed more than 50,000 people in Turkey and Syria, devastating entire communities. Rosemont had watched from afar the effect of the aftershock there, and on Saturday, he wanted to get out.

"Immediately I was thinking about Turkey," he said. "Immediately, I thought about trying to get outside."

When the shaking stopped, they ran out as fast as they could. The guesthouse staff told them to go to a nearby square. They stepped out to what Rosemont described as a "haze."

The dust made it hard to see, but the rubble was strewn across the street as people yelled. It seemed balconies and facades had fallen. They saw someone vomit.

A 4.9-magnitude aftershock was recorded 20 minutes after the first one.

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It looked like "someone took a huge knife and sliced through the corners of my house."

Aziz Taki, a grocer and Marrakesh resident who escaped with his toddler and 93-year-old father

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Rosemont also saw people going back into the crumbling alleys to carry older residents in wheelchairs and those who were injured to the square, which filled up in 30 minutes.

Soon, an emergency rescue crew emerged from an alley, carrying someone on a stretcher, wrapped in a blanket. Rosemont couldn't tell whether they were alive. The rescuers put the person in an ambulance and went back into the alleys.

About 45 minutes later, well past midnight, four rescuers, each holding a limb, carried another person out of the narrow streets. It wasn't clear whether the person was conscious or how serious the injury was.

The guesthouse owner eventually brought out a big blanket and water for his guests who were huddled in the square. Rosemont told his family in D.C. that he was okay. He and his wife still had a week left in their trip. They were supposed to go hiking in the mountains near the quake's epicenter.

For now, they'd just try to stay safe.

Sometime after 3 a.m., the owner of the guesthouse said the structure was secure and everyone could go back. They went to sleep in their room about 4 a.m.

The next morning, they retraced their steps in the city they'd arrived in two days prior. Some shops seem unscathed, while others lost tops of some walls or worse. Rosemont and his wife had gone on a tour where the guide told them the ancient ruins in Marrakesh were so well preserved because of the rarity of an earthquake.

Some of those ruins were damaged Friday night.

Search and rescue efforts continued Saturday as the number of dead and injured jumped. Residents lined up to donate blood, and aid organizations and governments across the world prepared to help.

Taki had another brother who lived in al-Haouz. He said that sibling lost his three-story house and the structure that keeps his cattle. Some of his animals died too, ruining his business. Taki said at least 20 people were killed in his brother's rural village.

"In that region, they are out of reach," he said.

As the sun set Saturday in Marrakesh, Taki said he planned to stay with his family about six miles away from his partially collapsed home. In the morning, he expects to go back into the alleys and see what else he can do to help.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A man walks in front of the ruins of a public bathhouse in Azmizmiz, Morocco, on Sunday, two days after an earthquake struck the area. A woman comforts an elderly woman at a triage set-up outside a hospital in Azmizmiz. Said Afouzar and Elgoufi Nezha's home in Azmizmiz. Their two children were killed in the earthquake.



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Depleted uranium munitions: Why is the U.S. sending rounds to Ukraine?

BY ADAM TAYLOR

When Britain announced it would supply Ukraine with depleted uranium rounds designed to penetrate tank armor, Russia decried the move as escalation. U.S. officials had a simple response: If you don't like it, leave Ukraine.

"If the Russians are very concerned about their tanks staying fully operational, they can just take them across the border back into Russia," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said in a March news briefing, after Britain's move.

On Wednesday, almost six months later, the United States announced it would follow Britain in supplying Ukraine with 120mm tank ammo made of depleted uranium, setting off another flurry of criticism from Russian officials who said the rounds could cause cancer and other illnesses.

Depleted uranium has been used in both antitank rounds and armor for years, particularly in the 1999 NATO bombing campaign in Kosovo, the 1991 Persian Gulf War and the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Advocates against the substance's use in conflicts have long argued that it can cause ecological damage and long-lasting health effects. In a statement, the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons condemned the move to send the weapons to Ukraine, calling it "self-destructive and deceptive."

"Like in the case of cluster munitions, the delivery of DU munitions is counter-productive and careless," the statement read. "It adds to the war-related environmental burden of Ukraine, damaging its legal integrity as victim of aggression and illegal attacks."

Although it is a byproduct of the process that creates enriched uranium that can be used in nuclear weapons, depleted uranium is sought not for its radioactivity, but for its extraordinary density, which makes it useful in armor and ammunition. Russian President Vladimir Putin nonetheless has argued that use of the munitions could constitute nuclear escalation.

The U.S. move to supply Ukraine with depleted uranium rounds comes after a controversial decision to provide cluster munitions, which human rights groups warn are predisposed to kill civilians because of their indiscriminate nature. Russia has been accused of using cluster munitions itself, as well as other taboo weapons such as white phosphorus munitions, an incendiary that can cause severe harm to civilians.



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A U.S. M1A2 Abrams battle tank in 2021 joint training in Bulgaria. Depleted uranium is also used in tank armor, most notably in the M1 Abrams. Opponents of the substance's use in conflicts have long argued that it can cause ecological damage and enduring health effects.

What is depleted uranium, and how is it used in weapons?

Uranium is a naturally occurring metal used in nuclear power generation and nuclear weapons. It is usually enriched for use in these contexts, run through centrifuges, which results in a higher percentage of uranium-235, a naturally occurring fissile uranium isotope.

Depleted uranium is a byproduct of enrichment. While it is only weakly radioactive, it is 1.67 times as dense as lead. It also has natural incendiary properties when fired at high speed due to the heat it creates.

The United States began developing antitank rounds using depleted uranium in the 1970s to counteract new armor installed on Soviet-made tanks.

Since then, the United States and several of its NATO allies have used depleted uranium rounds on the battlefield. In 2015, the United States used depleted uranium rounds in air raids targeting the Islamic State in Syria, despite saying earlier that it would not use the weaponry.

Depleted uranium is also used in tank armor, most notably in the M1 Abrams tanks produced by the United States. It is also put to nonmilitary uses, including in sailboats.

Why is depleted uranium controversial?

There is no international treaty that explicitly bans the use of depleted uranium, but its use in conflict has long prompted concerns. Depleted uranium is estimated to be 40 percent less radioactive than naturally occurring uranium. Most of the radiation it emits is alpha radiation, which cannot penetrate human skin.

However, it is also considered toxic chemically, and experts say it can cause damage to humans if inhaled or ingested.

The use of depleted uranium was particularly controversial in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, after which the Iraqi government linked the hundreds of thousands of rounds fired in the country to a rise in congenital birth defects and other health problems. The NATO bombing of Kosovo in 1999 led to similar complaints, and Italy later investigated potential links with illnesses among its soldiers who served in the Balkans.

Academic reports over the years have offered varying views of the risks posed by depleted uranium tank rounds being supplied to Ukraine. The risk from radiation itself is generally believed to be limited. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) concluded in 2009 that the "existence of depleted uranium residues dispersed in the environment does not pose a radiological hazard to the population of the affected regions."

However, the chemical toxicity of depleted uranium remains a cause for concern. A 2022 report by the U.N. Environmental Program on the ecological risks of the conflict in Ukraine warned that dust from depleted uranium used in missiles can enter the body and can also result in localized sediment and soil contamination.

"The level of toxicity largely depends on the amount ingested, but it is especially dangerous to the liver," the report found. "The chemical toxicity of depleted uranium is considered a more significant issue than the possible impacts of its radioactivity."

Ilia Kukin, a coordinator for the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons, wrote in an email that while depleted uranium rounds were considered militarily advantageous in the past, less toxic alternatives have now been created, so they can no longer be considered a "military necessity."

How has Russia responded?

On Thursday, Russian officials condemned the announcement of the U.S. decision.

"The use of these shells has led to an increase in the number of cancer and other diseases. The consequences are felt on the generations of those who somehow came in contact or were in the areas where these weapons were used," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said in a statement.

After Britain announced in March that it would send depleted uranium rounds to Ukraine for use by Challenger 2 battle tanks, Putin likened the ammunition to nuclear weapons, in misleading claims, and threatened a response in kind.

Russia has repeatedly implied it could use nuclear weapons in the conflict in Ukraine and announced this summer that it had moved some of its vast nuclear arsenal to Belarus.

Even so, Russia has pursued the use of depleted uranium shells, upgrading its T-80BV battle tank so that it could fire the new ammunition in 2018, according to state news agency Tass. It is unclear if Russia has used the ammunition in Ukraine.



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TECH FRIEND

Can't watch the game on ESPN? Try these alternatives.

BY SHIRA OVIDE

If you're among the nearly 15 million customers of Spectrum cable TV, you will have trouble watching sports.

ESPN, ABC and their sibling TV channels are blank screens for Spectrum customers because of a business dispute.

For customers of Spectrum, the country's second-biggest TV provider by subscribers, I'll point you to alternative places to watch (or listen to) upcoming big games you can't see on TV.

Pro tip: Spectrum cable customers should call or text the company to ask for a credit on your bill. (More details on that in a minute.)

And if you're okay listening rather than watching, streaming audio broadcasts of games are your cheapest alternative to cable.

Even if you're not a Spectrum customer or only watch streaming services, you cannot escape messes like this.

The slow death of conventional TV is combining with a desperate moment for streaming. That collision will make all of us pay more money for cable or streaming, especially sports fans.

We will also all have to deal with fights over money that make sports, shows and movies disappear from TV or streaming services.



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Why Spectrum customers can't watch ESPN

There's a contract dispute between Disney, which owns TV channels including ESPN, ABC and FX, and Charter Communications, which operates the Spectrum cable and internet service in places such as New York, Los Angeles, North Carolina and southern Texas.

If you're a Spectrum cable customer who usually has access to those Disney-owned channels, they're not available to you on TV or online.

TV impasses over money and power happen often, and they typically last a few days or weeks. This one could be different.

Charter said, semi-plausibly, that it might stop offering cable TV, period.

Or Charter and Disney could resolve their fight today and your TV channels will be back.

Alternatives to watch sports if you're a Spectrum TV customer

The straightforward, and most expensive, option: Subscribe to a streaming service that's like cable TV but streamed online.

YouTube TV: Starts at $64.99 a month for three months if you've never subscribed before and $72.99 after that.

Hulu plus Live TV: Starts at $69.99 a month, with prices increasing to $76.99 and up next month. (Update: Hulu on Friday offered a limited-time discounted price of $49.99 for the first three months of a subscription.)

Fubo: Monthly subscriptions usually start at $74.99. Fubo worked with Spectrum to offer a discount of 25 percent or more for the first two months.

Sling TV: Starts at $20 for the first month and at least $40 after that for a relatively small number of TV channels.

Often, new subscribers can watch free for a week or more.

Shop carefully. Those four cable-ish streaming services all have ESPN, but they might not have all its sibling networks. Some won't have the channels you're used to finding on cable.

Some Spectrum customers say they've gotten a $15 bill credit when they complained about missing sports. You need to contact customer service and ask.

Other options to watch select sporting events

Saturday's college football games: Several big contests, including the University of Tennessee vs. the University of Florida, will air only on ESPN.

Local radio is your friend. For the Texas-Alabama game that took place Saturday, for example, Alabama stations The Bear and Tide 100.9 streamed free audio of the game.

Before you go to a bar or a friend's house, make sure they have the game you want to watch. If they're Spectrum cable customers, you might be out of luck.

Most of the major college games won't stream on ESPN Plus.

"Monday Night Football": The season opener is on ESPN or ESPN Plus.

The game will stream on ABC's website and ABC's apps — but you need a cable password to log in. Spectrum cable customers, you can't watch or stream ABC or ESPN for now.

If you have a TV, you can try to pick up "Monday Night Football" over the air on ABC. You might need a TV antenna.

No, the NFL's Sunday Ticket subscription doesn't show "Monday Night Football."

Check your audio streaming options or the NFL Plus streaming subscription, which shows games only on mobile devices.

"Sunday Night Baseball": This weekly game is available only on ESPN and not online.

With some geographic restrictions, audio streaming is available from radio stations serving the teams involved.

The MLB.TV streaming service won't have this game.

Streaming is not an escape from the cost and complications of cable

If you ditched cable for streaming or never had cable, you're not out of the woods.

The costs of most streaming subscriptions have gone up recently, and they'll keep going up. You will at some point be in the middle of the same fights that blacked out channels for Spectrum cable customers.

Sports are the biggest reason that cable bills are so high, whether you watch sports or not. And sports could soon be the reason your streaming bill is so high.

One tiny win

If you're unhappy with your home internet provider, it's worth checking this remodeled government website for potential alternatives: *https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home.*

When you put in your address, the website will show companies that sell internet service in your neighborhood. You could be surprised by providers you didn't know were available.

Or you might find that you don't have good choices for internet service.

At my home address, the alternatives to Spectrum — the dominant cable TV and internet company where I live in New York — are two companies with slow and expensive internet service over satellite connections, one outdated DSL provider and a newfangled internet provider that recently got out of bankruptcy protection.

The website shows estimated speeds offered by each internet provider. Only use that information as a rough guide. Advertised internet speeds are unreliable.

My choices aren't appealing, but options vary depending on where you live.

I will repeat what I say often: Americans (and Canadians) pay more for worse internet service than our peers in most other rich countries.

Researchers fear a 'perfect storm' of global misinformation is looming in 2024

The Technology 202

BY CRISTIANO LIMA

A majority of researchers expect global misinformation to worsen in 2024, with politicians and social media posing the most serious threats, according to a new survey released Tuesday.

The poll, which surveyed almost 300 researchers across 50 countries, found that only a small fraction — 12 percent — think the information environment in their countries will improve next year, while 54 percent said it will deteriorate.

The International Panel on the Information Environment (IPIE), the Swiss-based nongovernmental organization behind the survey, said the results demonstrate "significant pessimism" among experts.

The findings arrive as platforms including Meta and Elon Musk's X roll back policies and scale back teams dedicated to combating misinformation, ahead of major elections in the United States, Europe and India.

The expected dynamic could put tech companies' defenses under new levels of strain as some of the world's biggest democracies will be entering critical periods.

"This has the potential to create a perfect storm next year," Philip Howard, a professor at the University of Oxford and the chair of the IPIE, told me Friday.

Howard said that recent staffing cuts to tech companies' moderation forces pose a huge risk.

"Those teams are the ones that hold the line against the most ridiculous misinformation, the worst of the content, and they're just not there anymore in a consistent way," he said.

New global content regulations, such as the European Union's landmark Digital Services Act, seemingly haven't quelled researchers' fears, he said.

"Even though there are some reasonable policies being implemented by the [European] Commission and a couple of other governments around the world … it's not clear that the social media firms will comply," Howard said.

According to the survey, two-thirds of researchers said that the "inability to hold social media companies accountable" over botched content moderation efforts posed a significant hurdle, while 55 percent reported that poorly done automated moderation was another.

While a third of researchers globally flagged social media companies as one of the most serious threats to healthy discourse, those that specialize in regions with democratic governments said politicians themselves posed a bigger risk.

Howard said the prevailing concern is over politicians picking up communications tactics from authoritarian regimes and using them to try to gain an edge in democratic elections.

"The concern is that politicians themselves, while they're running for office, will use some of these techniques because they're just so eager to get elected," he said.

One area where there was broad agreement among researchers was on the need for greater access to data from platforms about their content moderation efforts.

Seventy percent of those polled said that lack of access to research data posed "the major barrier to improving our understanding of the global information environment."

"Without that kind of validation, policymakers really don't have the evidence they need to know … whether policy needs to be more aggressive or more invasive or whether the firms can act responsibly on their own," Howard said.

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AGNC Investment	Bernice E. Bell	Chief financial officer	Aug. 31	Sold	5,000	9.93	258,947
Cogent Communications	James Bubeck	Chief revenue officer	Sept. 1	Sold	1,920	70.96	38,582
	Thaddeus Weed	Chief financial officer	Sept. 5	Sold	4,850	69.43	53,550
ePlus	Eric Hovde	Board member	Aug. 28 to Sept. 1	Sold	65,794	64.47 to 66.96	20,805
Liquidity Services	William P. Angrick III	Chief executive officer	Aug. 29 to Sept. 6	Sold	336,914	17.51 to 18.35	11,819,715
	Steven Weiskircher	Chief technology officer	Aug. 30	Sold	14,495	18.15 to 18.66	99,003
Macrogenics	Edward Hurwitz	Board member	Aug. 30	Bought	15,000	4.91	33,074
Tegna	Lynn B. Trelstad	Chief operating officer	Aug. 30	Sold	36,591	16.57 to 16.65	218,436

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ASEAN leaders at the group's annual summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Tuesday.

Myanmar's crisis puts ASEAN's irrelevance on display

The forum's annual summit again fails to exert pressure on the junta's generals.

ON WEDNESDAY, a photojournalist in Myanmar named Sai Zaw Thaike was sentenced to 20 years in prison with hard labor, for the "crime" of taking pictures to document the aftermath of a deadly cyclone earlier this year. He was accused by the country's brutal ruling military junta of incitement, sedition and spreading misinformation, and sentenced after a secret proceeding and with no legal representation.

The sentence, believed to be one of the longest meted out to a journalist in the country, cements Myanmar's reputation as one of the world's most profligate human rights abusers. Since the generals seized power in a February 2021 coup, sparking an ongoing bloody civil war, more than 4,000 people have been killed and an estimated 20,000 have been imprisoned for opposing the military takeover. Dozens of prisoners are missing and believed to have been murdered by the regime. About 50 people were arrested in June simply for posting anti-regime messages on social media.

At the same time Mr. Sai Zaw Thaike was receiving his unjust sentence, the leaders of Myanmar's neighboring countries were meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN. Myanmar's leaders, known as the State Administration Council, or SAC, were thankfully not invited. It would have been the perfect occasion for the regional forum to issue the strongest possible denunciation of the Myanmar regime's continuing atrocities, and a concrete plan of economic pressure to reverse the coup and end the suffering.

What the world got from the Jakarta talkfest was a glaring example of the regional forum's impotence and increasing irrelevance. Instead of a show of unity, the summit underscored the inability of the nine disparate ASEAN members (not including Myanmar) to come together around a common policy to resolve one of the world's worst abominations.

The most ASEAN could come up with was a statement yet again condemning the violence and urging "the Myanmar Armed Forces in particular, and all related parties concerned in Myanmar, to de-escalate violence and stop targeted attacks on civilians" and nonmilitary infrastructure. The statement asked for a return to ASEAN's 2021 "five-point consensus," which asks all sides in the ongoing civil war for a cessation of violence and to engage in "constructive dialogue." Of course, Myanmar's generals dismissed the latest statement as "one-sided," just as they ignored the 2021 "consensus."

The failure was not the fault of Indonesia, which holds the ASEAN group's annual rotating chairmanship. Rather, the fault is with ASEAN itself, a mostly economic and trade grouping whose members share little in common.

ASEAN was formed in 1967 as a group of five countries — Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines — concerned about blocking the spread of communism during the Vietnam War. The group's slide into paralysis and ineffectiveness can be traced to the mid-1990s, when it voted to allow in the three Communist-run countries of Indochina and later Myanmar, also known as Burma, which was under military dictatorship. They were brought in to give the group geographic cohesiveness, with no regard to the new members' adherence to democratic norms or basic human rights.

Vietnam and Laos are run by two of the world's last remaining Leninist-style Communist parties. Cambodia is a personality-run dictatorship under long-serving leader Hun Sen. Brunei is an absolute monarchy under the sultan. Thailand just had an election, but the popular will was thwarted by the military and the monarchy, which still hold sway. Singapore can best be described as a benevolent quasi-democratic autocracy. Only Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines can be called truly democratic.

ASEAN's guiding principles are "consensus" and "noninterference" in each other's internal affairs. Both of those precepts are a recipe for inaction. Consensus gives any single country veto power, rendering almost any joint statement bland and meaningless. Noninterference has allowed ASEAN to turn its head in the face of human rights abuses over the decades.

The question of Myanmar has divided the bloc between countries such as Thailand that have had direct contacts with the military regime, headed by Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, and Malaysia and Indonesia, which have been in contact with the self-styled National Unity Government opposing the junta.

Some ASEAN members — notably Laos and Cambodia, and increasingly Myanmar itself — are economically dependent on China. Beijing has stepped up its role in Myanmar as the country has been ostracized by the United States and Europe. China's then-foreign minister visited Myanmar in May.

ASEAN is also hampered by its system of rotating the presidency each year based on the alphabetical order of each country's English name. Next year, the presidency falls to Laos, China's main proxy state in Southeast Asia.

The one concrete action to come from ASEAN's Jakarta meeting was to deny Myanmar the rotating presidency when its turn rolls around in 2026 — a slap on the wrist.

Myanmar is perhaps Southeast Asia's least developed country. ASEAN could exert serious economic leverage through a combined embargo on oil and palm oil exports to Myanmar, sanctions on the state-owned oil company and targeted sanctions aimed at the junta leaders and their bank accounts and other assets held in Southeast Asian countries. ASEAN could also open a dialogue with the National Unity Government in exile as the legitimate representative of Myanmar's people.

But such measures would require a unity of purpose, such as that shown by the European Union in the face of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. Such unity does not exist in ASEAN. Until it does, ASEAN is consigning itself to irrelevance.

The Bahrain 800

Mr. Biden should use the crown prince's visit to help hunger-striking prisoners.

AS BAHRAIN'S crown prince prepares to visit Washington this week, activists say more than 800 political prisoners remain on a month-long hunger strike over their mistreatment in the notorious Jaw Rehabilitation and Reform Center. The Biden administration should not forget about them.

The highest-profile is Abdulhadi al-Khawaja, 62, who has been locked up since April 2011 for leading peaceful protests during the Arab Spring on the island kingdom of 1.5 million people. A military court sentenced him to life in prison for trying to "topple the royal regime and change the constitution." A coalition of groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, says he has been "subjected to severe physical, sexual, and psychological torture."

Mr. al-Khawaja's family says that he stopped eating on Aug. 9 and two days later, because of serious cardiac problems, was rushed to the intensive care unit, where he was placed on an IV. On Aug. 29, he was again taken to the hospital and spent 5½ hours being stabilized in an emergency room. His daughter Maryam al-Khawaja plans to fly home this week to draw attention to his plight, even though she's risking arrest and life imprisonment by doing so. She was arrested on her last visit in 2014 but released a month later under international pressure.

Like her father, she holds dual citizenship in Bahrain and Denmark. With Mr. al-Khawaja's health deteriorating, Bahrain's government could offer him compassionate release to Copenhagen so that he can get the care he needs. Bahraini authorities could also give local United Nations representatives and independent doctors access to the prison, to see for themselves the state of its inmates.

Government officials claim that there are no political prisoners in the country, that they follow international rules and that all prisoners get the same health care as members of the public. The General Directorate of Reform and Rehabilitation insists that Mr. al-Khawaja's "health is stable with no serious concerns" and that he stopped participating in the hunger strike on Aug. 16. His daughter says he's drinking juice and coffee with milk only when he feels faint. But human rights groups say some of the prisoners who stopped eating have been isolated, refused care and beaten by guards.

Bahrain has shown some signs of progress. In May, its parliament repealed a law that allowed rapists to escape punishment if they married their victims. Yet the kingdom brutally stamped out a mass uprising during the Arab Spring, with the help of troops from Saudi Arabia. Thousands were rounded up. Hundreds had their citizenship taken away. Independent media and opposition political parties were outlawed.

Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifa's visit to Washington is designed to demonstrate U.S. staying power in the Persian Gulf and underscore the value of the strategic partnership. Bahrain is officially a major non-NATO ally and home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. This gives Washington leverage.

The Biden administration should use it to aid Mr. al-Khawaja and other prisoners. The crown prince, who was once seen as a moderate influence inside the royal family, replaced his great-uncle as prime minister in November 2020. The hunger strike offers him an opportunity to show statesmanship. Authorities should not arrest Ms. al-Khawaja when she comes to see her father. They should send him to Denmark in her care.

ELLIS ROSEN



"These new self-driving models are supposed to be much safer."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Get the guns off D.C. streets

The Sept. 3 Metro article on killings and woundings from shootings, "At least 5 killed, 6 wounded in spate of D.C. shootings," described D.C.'s war zone. Even the police are edgier because gun parts without serial numbers are being assembled more easily than Lego toys, and the cops can't find these weapons with untraceable parts to confiscate them.

These "small" guns have more killing power than Revolutionary-era cannons. Yet, under the Supreme Court's rewriting of legal history, judges have decided that caches of gun parts without serial numbers must be proved to be used for crimes before being removed by police. By that "logic," burglars caught with burglary tools must be proved to not be intending to use the tools for an archaeology dig.

Also, the hands of legislators are tied from writing laws that keep people safe. The court has discarded Justice Antonin A. Scalia's statement regarding the Second Amendment that "the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

And the body counts keep getting higher.

Mark Czarnolewski, *Silver Spring*

Mr. Tuberville's holds

Regarding the Sept. 5 op-ed by Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro, Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall and Army Secretary Christine Wormuth, "Don't leave national security on hold":

Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) is blocking the Senate from confirming some 300 military promotions, leaving critical seats without a leader, including the top officer of the Marine Corps, Army and Navy. Mr. Tuberville is putting his political ambition and need for attention above the lives and livelihoods of service members.

As a military spouse, I have seen firsthand that service members are apolitical, dedicated to the mission and willing to give their lives in service to a cause greater than themselves. It's time for Mr. Tuberville to serve a cause greater than himself and end his protest.

No matter your political beliefs, we must agree that service members and military families will not be used as political leverage. The senator must end this political showmanship and recommit to respect the service and sacrifice of those who pledge to defend this nation.

Kate Marsh Lord, *Springfield*
The writer works at Secure Families Initiative.

Rape is anything but foreign to women in the military. Though well more than 8 percent of women in the service have reported rapes, as elsewhere, 80 percent of assaults go unreported. The new Offices of Special Trial Counsel certainly constitute a start toward addressing that.

Having myself conceived after being drugged and raped, I know how it feels to encounter the disdain and disbelief of the police to whom I reported the crimes. No woman should be forced to endure bearing a violent aggressor's child. Luckily, when that happened to me, then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) was updating the Violence Against Women Act to include date-rape drugs, of which I hadn't heard.

More than 26 percent of women in college experience rape or sexual assault. At NCAA Division I schools (such as Auburn, Ole Miss and Texas Tech, where Tommy Tuberville coached football), incidences of rape increase by more than 40 percent after home games.

I wonder how it would look if the United States were to glorify, protect and value what women and girls bring to the table.

Though it felt like vindication to read the leaders of the U.S. armed forces write that the military's "foundation is being actively eroded by the actions of a single U.S. senator," Mr. Tuberville's willful ignorance about the plight and rights of women also seems corrosive for humanity itself.

Elissa Middleton, *North Hollywood, Calif.*

For more than two decades, I served as an Army officer. Here's the deal behind providing transportation to pregnant service members. It is and has been military policy for more than 100 years to not penalize members when they and their families are sent to locations that lack the amenities commonly expected by our citizens. Post and base exchanges and commissaries provide members with U.S.-style food and clothing options in places such as South Korea and Germany. When members are overseas, the government picks up the cost of their postage between the overseas location and the nearest U.S. state.

These services are provided because the military has obligations all over the United States and the world. If a service member is needed in Italy or Alabama, he or she is sent there on orders. As a service member, you have to comply with orders or you can be put in jail. Providing transportation to female service members to get out of Texas or Georgia for medical issues is in keeping with this long-standing policy. These women did not exercise free will in going to such benighted states and should not be penalized for being assigned there. The old policy is being applied to a new situation. This isn't complicated.

Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) is a professional coach and an amateur politician. Sadly, he hasn't considered the price our country is paying for his antics.

Rich O'Bryant, *Alexandria*

As one who served in the Army for 20 years, I am deeply concerned that the three military service secretaries would malign legitimate congressional scrutiny of military promotion actions.

It is alarming to see politically appointed military officials condemn an elected senator because he is holding the Defense Department to long-standing national policy. The idea that the military institution can select which laws to obey offers a reminder of why it was placed under civilian control from the nation's opening moments. Our ancestors knew that peacetime standing armies can become dangerous to liberty.

I can personally attest that the ranks have been highly politicized in recent times. Against that reality, I chose to conclude my career as a military spokesman. Many others have made similar choices because the Defense Department has come to view itself as beyond accountability.

Responsibility for what the secretaries label a spectacle lies with the Defense Department, not the Senate. The service secretaries must know this. Their attempt to pass blame is a dangerous move that serves only to further harm public trust in the nation's armed forces.

Chase Spears, *Lansing, Kan.*

I decided to check the résumé of Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) after reading the op-ed from the secretaries of the Navy, Army and Air Force. I learned he coached for 40 years, beginning at age 22, and then worked for a small capital management firm where his stated primary role was to attract investors. There was no mention of military service or experience.

Mr. Tuberville wrote in a June 22 letter, "My hold on military nominees doesn't affect national security," that his procedural hold on military nominees "is not affecting [military] readiness." I'd like to ask him about game-day readiness in football if there were a hold on head coaching and offensive and defensive coordinators. His experience in the sport probably allows a reasoned view on that question. With regard to military readiness, I think I'll stick with the secretaries.

William Irwin, *Washington*

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You hate AI for all the right reasons. Now reconsider.

Let's start with the end. If you know anything about the state of artificial intelligence, it's that many of the people advancing the technology are gravely concerned about the technology they're advancing. Two statements stand out. The first was a petition, following the March release of OpenAI's ChatGPT-4, calling for a six-month pause on any AI system exceeding GPT's capabilities. The signatories — a loose association of AI geniuses (Turing Award-winner Yoshua Bengio), tech barons (Elon Musk) and moths to a flame (Andrew Yang) — asked: "Should we develop nonhuman minds that might eventually outnumber, outsmart, obsolete and replace us? Should we risk loss of control of our civilization?"

The second statement, issued in May, was an escalation of both stakes and prestige — a Met Gala of doom. Signed by nearly all the major AI company CEOs and most of the top AI research scientists, this statement was just 22 words long. Which really helped the 'E' word pop: "Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war."

So, who's excited for AI!

I am? Maybe?

I'll be serving as The Post's regular AI columnist for the next year, and the assignment is a relief. For me. I've spent months diving into the science, applications, promise and fears of artificial intelligence, and while I'm increasingly confident that species death is neither imminent nor likely, it's much less clear what life is about to look like. I'm grateful not to have to ride the roller coaster alone.

It's possible we're at the dawn of an incredible era of toolmaking, with the emergence of ChatGPT marking a Kubrickian cut between our bone-throwing present and an awesome future. AI tools are already predicting the spread of infectious disease, detecting guns in schools, helping the speechless speak and slashing energy consumption. There are brilliant people who say this is kid stuff. Soon everyone will have a customized knowledge assistant. The elimination of drudgery and loneliness is coming. Climate change can be mitigated. Rare diseases are on the clock.

Other equally brilliant people go straight to "Mad Max: Fury Road." Their scenarios cover everything from an AI-manufactured extinction-level virus to societal decay as jobs disappear, inequality becomes permanent, authoritarian states tighten their grip — and meaning is drained from our existence. Before any of that arrives, we've got great leaps forward in AI-generated porn, fraud and misinformation to look forward to.

The doomers and Utopians both speak a little too insistently. It might have something to do with the money at stake — as much as $4.4 trillion in estimated annual corporate benefit from generative AI alone, according to the McKinsey Global Institute. This is not the Manhattan Project or the space race, when the big brains wore government badges. Many of the best AI scientists hold university chairs while also cashing checks from the world's largest tech companies. Now multiply those potential competing interests by the restless mind of Mark Zuckerberg.

When Zuck open-sources Meta's Llama 2 chatbot — inviting anyone to play with its innards — is he an optimist democratizing AI ("Let's get building!")? Or does he know the fastest way to catch up to ChatGPT is for people to hack away on his platform for free, even if some of them get Llama 2 to cough up recipes for nukes? When OpenAI's Sam Altman puts his name on the 22-word extinction statement and pleads for government intervention, is he concerned about bad actors? Or is he hoping for a regulatory oil slick to spray at companies in hot pursuit? And what better way for everyone to inflate the AI investment balloon than by hyping tech so powerful it could supercharge progress — or destroy humanity? You know, in the other guys' hands.

The impulse to sit this one out is strong. Climate change, covid, extremism — most people aren't in the market for more existential uncertainty. Now, factor in that AI is stampeding ahead thanks to some of the same companies whose reckless social media products helped drain the national reserves of trust and reason — things that might be handy right now. It can feel like a Silicon Valley conspiracy to (a) dictate the future and (b) rob everyone of even a moment's peace while they do. No wonder polling shows that 82 percent of voters don't trust tech execs to self-regulate AI.

But if you dismiss AI as just the latest tech bro hustle, a post-crypto MLM, well, no. Crypto is what happens when libertarian financiers get high on their own supply and warp an interesting but limited technology, the blockchain, into a tool for trading currencies backed by the full faith and credit of a meme. Crypto is a bicycle. AI is a bullet train. It doesn't need to seduce you with promises from Tom Brady.

For more than a decade, personalized song recommendations, enhanced photos and easier drives home have been fueled by forms of artificial intelligence. What's changed recently is the magnificent blunt force of scale computing. The number of roads on the planet or songs ever sung seems like a lot of data, but it's a light breakfast for a network fueled by a graphics processing unit. GPUs are silicon chips on steroids. Originally designed for video games, the current generation of GPUs allows machines to process hundreds of billions of different parameters, allowing systems to mimic the multilayered synapse-firing of the human brain.

These neural networks, trained on endless buffets of text and aided by reinforcement learning from human feedback, are the secret sauce. They're what allow your prompt to be translated into impossibly large numbers and back out as a chatbot's elegant linguistic response. Neural nets are still far from reaching biological scale and complexity, but they're already doing one thing humans can't: turning Moore's Law — Intel co-founder Gordon Moore's 1965 prediction that computing power would double every two years — into a joke.

Imagine if your brain got 10 times smarter every year over the past decade, and you were on pace for more 10x compounding increases in intelligence over at least the next five. Throw in precise recall of everything you've ever learned and the ability to synthesize all those materials instantly in any language. You wouldn't be just the smartest person to have ever lived — you'd be all the smartest people to have ever lived. (Though not the wisest.) That's a plausible trajectory of the largest AI models. This explains how, since roughly the middle of the Obama administration, AI has gone from a precocious toddler to blowing through many of the supposed barriers between human and machine capabilities. The winners and losers might be in flux, but AI is likely to insinuate itself into most aspects of our lives.

There is always pressure in Silicon Valley to conflate inevitable with instantaneous. People at OpenAI speak of ChatGPT as their "iPhone moment." I bet it feels that way. OpenAI is a young company full of young people. Their product launch made jaws drop. "Netscape moment" is a reference that predates most of them and flatters them less, but it seems more apt. The tech is moving fast, but its impact will arrive in waves. We've already seen slight dips in ChatGPT usage. That hardly means chatbots are doomed or AI is a fad. Only that it's early. It will take time to understand how people adapt to these new tools. And vice versa.

That time should not be wasted. The processors will keep processing — and we need to get ready. That means planning for everything from basic privacy and IP regulations to topsy-turvy labor markets and even "Fury Road." Because however far-fetched the idea of an artificial general intelligence — meaning an autonomous system that one day surpasses human abilities and might deem us, er, dispensable — it's not impossible. We can also look out for the many ways AI tools can help us fix the hard problems humanity simply hasn't been able to crack. We're spoiled for choice.

At an individual level, maybe just turn the volume down for a bit, okay? That's the goal here, in this space, to examine AI in a slightly less hysterical way. The story so far has been told by geniuses and scoundrels with mixed motives and terrible emotional intelligence. It's really no surprise that they're also lousy storytellers. Who starts with extinction?

Let's begin again, this time with creation. All of the software we've ever used was engineered to work backward from an outcome. Its creators wanted to help you find a webpage or play a game or operate a laptop. Perhaps you've noticed that the major AI chatbots arrived with almost no user documentation or instructions. A lump of clay doesn't come with instructions, either. That's what makes this moment unique — and so worthy of species-level #1 foam-finger pride. We humans have created a tool for potentially infinite tasks. Its imperfections are ours to solve — and its powers still ours to shape.

CATHERINE RAMPELL

'Bidenomics' is manufacturing problems for itself

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"Bidenomics" still isn't resonating with the American people. Despite ultralow unemployment, moderating inflation and (so far) no signs of a much-anticipated recession, Americans are down on the economy and President Biden's stewardship of it.

Left-wing pundits blame partisanship for warping consumers' perceptions or the media's bad-news bias. Those explanations have some merit, but there's another potential reason Democrats' economic agenda hasn't caught on: their myopic focus on manufacturing.

That is, maybe Americans don't feel like Bidenomics is working for them because it seems to be fixated on a sector that almost no Americans work in anymore, that doesn't feel relevant to their daily lives and that isn't actually doing so great right now.

Biden and his surrogates love to talk about his investments in heavy industry. Manufacturing was the only sector that Biden mentioned when he touted Sept. 1's jobs numbers, even though other industries such as health care and construction have grown much more relative to pre-pandemic levels. The "reindustrialization" of America is the cornerstone of Biden's economic agenda, with government-subsidized factory investment serving as Biden's go-to example for his pledge to "build the economy from the bottom up and the middle out."

This might sound like a safe political strategy. Americans seem generally nostalgic about manufacturing, at least in its mid-20th-century incarnation. Back then, U.S. manufacturers dominated global markets (largely because our main competitors' capital stock was destroyed in World War II). And hard-working Americans could go straight from high school to a solid middle-class wage on the shop floor, no postsecondary schooling necessary.

Democratic strategists also seem to believe the way to win back White non-college-educated voters here in Michigan and across the Rust Belt is to promise to bring back manufacturing jobs. But there are a few problems with this logic, which reflects assumptions about the economy and its workforce that are, oh, several decades out of date.

For one, the United States is — has long been — an overwhelmingly services-based economy.

Manufacturing represents about one-tenth of overall gross domestic product; its share of total employment is even smaller, around 8 percent. That's because the industry has become increasingly automated and needs fewer workers for any given amount of production. The United States actually manufactures nearly as much stuff today as it ever did, by inflation-adjusted value; it just does so with fewer people and more robots.

The upshot is that the vast majority of American workers are in a services job. That's true for men, women and workers with and without college degrees. It's true even for workers here in Michigan.

The small subset of people who *do* work in manufacturing also look quite different today than in days of yore. The workforce is increasingly educated. Today, most manufacturing workers have at least some postsecondary schooling; in fact, a plurality have a bachelor's degree or higher. Even if all those chips and battery plants got up and running ASAP, they still wouldn't employ many of the non-college-educated White voters Dems are chasing.

What's more, the manufacturing industry is not exactly thriving right now. The sector has been contracting for the past 10 months, according to an index maintained by the Institute for Supply Management. That's the longest stretch since the Great Recession. Employment in manufacturing is still growing but at a slower pace than the rest of the economy.

Meanwhile, a historic auto strike could begin as soon as this week, taking 146,000 United Auto Workers members offline. This would be costly and disruptive not only for U.S. carmakers but also for other companies (and employees) throughout the supply chain. The UAW president has said if a strike happens, he expects Biden to "pick a side."

In that scenario, Biden's focus on manufacturing would no longer seem like a harmless misfire; it could be a serious liability.

Biden's defenders could argue that the manufacturing sector might be doing even worse without his economic agenda. Or that it's too soon to judge because it will take a few years to see whether his policies massively ramp up manufacturing jobs. (The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projected last week that overall manufacturing employment will *shrink* over the next decade, even after accounting for investment in subsectors such as batteries.)

But that doesn't seem to be Biden's message. He's urged Americans to judge the success of Bidenomics by how well manufacturing is doing *today*.

Even more puzzling about this framing is the fact that Biden has undertaken some policies to help service workers. For example, he's added apprenticeships, expanded overtime eligibility and increased funding for child care (at least temporarily). He sometimes namechecks these things, but his economic sales pitch usually prioritizes his manufacturing achievements.

If the president hopes to convince Americans that Bidenomics has improved their lives, it might be helpful to emphasize the policies that address the typical American's working conditions — in the sectors where they actually work.

E.J. DIONNE JR.

Let's call a truce in our religious wars

You could fill many cookbooks with the recipes being offered to ease division in American public life. Many are rooted in wishful thinking. But when it comes to religion — one of the most divisive topics in U.S. politics — there are glimmers of hope for a better conversation.

Over the past several months, an old truth has become new again: Houses of worship and other religious institutions play an essential role in promoting social connectedness, mutual aid and community building.

What has brought this realization to life is widespread concern over the rise of loneliness and decline of forces that pull communities together. With religious disaffiliation soaring, especially among younger Americans, there is reason to worry that secular alternatives to religious civil society are not growing fast enough to fill the void. Even if secular social spaces proliferate, a society suffering from disconnection can ill afford to lose any of its community-building capacity.

And there can be no denying that faith-based groups do that sort of work. As Daniel A. Cox, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (and former student of mine at Georgetown University), reported in a 2021 paper: "Americans who are members of a place of worship are much more likely than those who are not to volunteer in the community at least a few times a year (47 percent vs. 23 percent), talk to someone in their community they do not know well (64 percent vs. 54 percent), and attend a community meeting or local event (60 percent vs. 41 percent)." They are also "more likely than others to feel connected to their neighborhood and the people who live there (58 percent vs. 46 percent)."

But an appreciation of religion must be joined with an acceptance of its paradoxes: It can be both unifying and divisive, promote both dissent and conformity, bring forth both self-criticism and tribal self-satisfaction. What's required to move forward is for religious people to face up to the downsides of faith's public role and for religion's critics to cultivate gratitude for how it enriches our common life.

On the negative side: The public voices of White Christianity especially have moved well to the right, in too many cases toward an embrace of a deeply intolerant ethno-nationalism. This has only accelerated the flight from religion, especially in more progressive, younger generations.

As a liberal Catholic, I welcomed Pope Francis's recent warning against "a very strong reactionary attitude" among parts of the American Catholic leadership and a "climate of closure" in which "ideology replaces faith."

Yes, liberals need to worry about ideology replacing faith, too. But Francis is right that if religion becomes a synonym for reaction, many will fall by the wayside. As the traditions of the Black church have reminded us again and again, the prophetic power of religion must place love and justice at its core, or else it becomes, in the words of Saint Paul, "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

But critics of conservative religion need to remember that community-mindedness is not just a habit of progressives. As Cox's data shows, it is a virtue that crosses lines of tradition and ideology.

Here's what's heartening about the new turn in the conversation: Many secular people and progressives are lifting up religion's socially constructive role. My Post colleague Perry Bacon Jr., who left the church, wrote powerfully last month about a "church-size hole in American life," noting that even attractive secular alternatives did not provide "singing, sermons and solidarity all at once."

Two of the leading public voices highlighting the costs of rising loneliness, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, have similarly cited the role of churches in combating isolation and building personal and neighborly bonds. In his report "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation," Murthy was direct: "Religious or faith-based groups can be a source for regular social contact, serve as a community of support, provide meaning and purpose, create a sense of belonging around shared values and beliefs, and are associated with reduced risk-taking behaviors."

It's true that very few people decide to believe in God (or not) for reasons of social utility, and humans have argued for centuries over whether religious faith is good or bad for the world. Even those who share my tilt toward the positive side in this debate must acknowledge that religion has been mobilized for evil purposes and that religious leaders (like all human beings) have shown ample capacity for sin and corruption — another reason so many have fled to the ranks of the disaffiliated.

Nonetheless, critics of religion who rightly preach the value of open-mindedness should apply that virtue in their approach to people of faith and the institutions they build. Doing so won't work miracles. But it might help us recognize that the path to truth and to a less fractious society often takes unexpected turns.

CORRECTION

Walter Isaacson's Sept. 10 Opinion essay, " 'How am I in this war?,' " an excerpt from his biography "Elon Musk," mischaracterized the attempted attack by Ukrainian drones on the Russian fleet in Crimea. Musk had already disabled ("geofenced") satellite coverage of the Crimean coast before the attack was launched. When the Ukrainians discovered this, they asked him to activate coverage, and he refused.



REUTERS

ABOVE: Gen. Augusto Pinochet, left, with Chilean President Salvador Allende at an Aug. 23, 1973, ceremony after Allende appointed Pinochet the military's new commander in chief. RIGHT: La Moneda presidential palace in Santiago is bombed during the Sept. 11, 1973, coup led by Pinochet to oust Allende.



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MARCO UGARTE/AP

Soldiers and firefighters carry the body of Allende, wrapped in a Bolivian poncho, out of the destroyed presidential palace on Sept. 11, 1973, after a coup led by Pinochet that ended Allende's elected government.

50 years since Pinochet's U.S.-backed coup in Chile

BY CLAUDIA HERNÁNDEZ AND MIRIAM BERGER

Sept. 11, 2023, marks 50 years since Chilean Gen. Augusto Pinochet rose to power in a U.S.-backed coup and ushered in 17 years of brutal military rule. The coup ended a century and a half of constitutional government in Chile.

Three years earlier, in 1970, Chileans had elected as president an avowed Marxist, Salvador Allende. In the midst of the Cold War with Russia, the United States saw Allende as a threat both to U.S. influence in the Western Hemisphere and to U.S. business interests in Chile. The CIA tried, and failed, to prevent his election. Washington grew increasingly worried as his government moved to nationalize Chilean banks and mines, as well as to reform the health care and education systems.

Over the next two years, strikes and demonstrations rocked Chile. In July 1973, a lieutenant colonel in the military tried to oust Allende. The coup failed and in August, Allende appointed Pinochet as the military's new commander in chief.

By then, dissent within the armed forces was growing, and the CIA helped train and finance supporters of a military coup, including Pinochet.

On Sept. 11, he made his move. Chilean armed forces stormed the presidential palace in Santiago. In his final address, Allende tried to rally the public. "Long live Chile! Long live the people! Long live the workers!" he said. He was killed that day.

Pinochet suspended the constitution, dissolved Congress, banned opposition parties and censored the media. He launched a sweeping crackdown targeting Indigenous peoples, labor unions, former government officials and the Catholic Church. Thousands of Chileans were arrested, tortured, killed or forced into exile. In the 1990s, Chile's National Corporation for Reconciliation and Reparation concluded that more than 3,000 people died or disappeared during the years of Pinochet's rule.

His dictatorship ended in 1990, with the election of Christian Democrat Patricio Aylwin as president.

Pinochet ultimately evaded any criminal prosecution. In 1998, he traveled to England for back surgery. Police apprehended him, acting on a Spanish arrest warrant for the alleged killings of Spanish nationals by Chilean security forces. Madrid demanded Pinochet's extradition. A lengthy court battle ensued.

Pinochet died while under house arrest in Santiago in 2006 at the age of 91.



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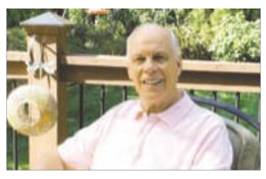
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LEFT: People who were detained following the coup against Allende's government are held as prisoners in the National Stadium in Santiago in September 1973. ABOVE: The president of Chile's Supreme Court of Justice gives the presidential sash to Pinochet in September 1973. Two days after the coup, Pinochet declared himself president and within a week, the military was firmly in control. After the coup, a wave of repression made murder, torture and other rights violations tragic facts of life under Pinochet's regime.

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A 9/11 survivor now helps others as a volunteer assisting in disaster relief for the Red Cross. B3



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As challenges in the job pile up, HBCUs witness a wave of presidential departures. B2



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Playwright Tina Howe, 85, centered women in dramas that were both absurd and poignant. B6



Withering crops and parched pastures have farmers 'praying for rain'

Farms in the D.C. area are contending with the impacts of record-breaking temperatures and depleted water sources

BY JUSTIN WM. MOYER

A few days into the Washington region's historic heat wave, Katie Conaway, founder of Loudoun County's View of Heaven Farm, checked a weather app on her phone and stared at the Blue Ridge Mountains. Thunderclouds lurked on a ridge near her 27-acre property, but didn't seem ready to rain down relief on her withering raspberries and sunflowers.

Still, after days of triple-digit temperatures, at least there was hope.

"You're welcome to come back every day if you bring this," she told a visitor. "I need an inch a week for my crops."

Conaway is one of many farmers around the Beltway waiting on a rainy day. Temperatures in the D.C. region have soared into the triple digits this month, breaking records for September during a season when the area is typically cooling. After a dry spring and early summer, the region has yet to catch up on its rainfall.

In some farm areas, meanwhile, streams are drying up, some crop yields are down by 40 percent, and livestock that would normally be grazing green pastures at this time of year are eating hay.

Last month, the Potomac River's water levels dropped so low that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments initiated drought operations, producing reports on weather, water demand and the river's flow twice a day. In an email, spokesman Steve Kania said the agency's drought coordination technical committee met Tuesday and decided not to move to its "drought watch" stage, partly because rain is expected in the coming days.

The committee will meet again to reassess the situation on Sept. 19, Kania said. Under a drought watch, there would be a regionwide call for voluntary water conservation, according to Kania. In the past, such measures have included discouraging watering lawns and washing cars.

Michael Nardolilli, executive director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River

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From top: Katie Conaway walks along a small creek at the farm she co-founded in Round Hill, Va. A batch of raspberries shriveled and dried due to sun scald at the farm.

Virginia father receives pardon

DAUGHTER'S CASE DREW NATIONAL EYE

Convicted after incident at school board meeting

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) pardoned a Loudoun County father whose daughter had been sexually assaulted at school and whose arrest had sparked outrage, becoming a national symbol of the growing parents' rights movement in schools.

Scott Thomas Smith was convicted of obstruction of justice and disorderly conduct after he was forcibly removed by police from a school board meeting he attended following the assault on his daughter by another student in 2021. He appealed to the circuit court, and the obstruction of justice conviction was dismissed, according to the attorneys representing him on the appeal. They said a trial on the disorderly conduct conviction had been scheduled for later this month.

The governor's pardon, announced Sunday, affirms Smith's "factual innocence" for disorderly conduct.

The commonwealth's attorney for Loudoun County, Buta Biberaj (D) — whom a judge recused from Smith's case — said Youngkin's action was a political stunt. "This is an unprecedented and inappropriate intervention into an active legal case," Biberaj said. "He chose to interfere in the legal process, and not for justice, but for political gain."

The case drew national atten-

SEE PARDON ON B6

D.C. postal worker stole $1.7M, prosecutors say

Over $400,000 seized from former mail carrier; investigation is ongoing

BY JUSTIN WM. MOYER

Federal prosecutors seized more than $400,000 from a former D.C. postal worker after he allegedly stole about $1.7 million in checks from the mail and deposited them into his own bank accounts, federal prosecutors said in court documents filed last month.

Hachikosela Muchimba started working as a mail carrier at the Friendship Post Office Station in Northwest Washington in 2020, according to the civil forfeiture complaint filed Aug. 29 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Prosecutors allege that he altered checks and deposited them into his own bank accounts as early as January of this year. He also endorsed some checks to Double Blue Investments, a business that he founded, according to its website.

Civil forfeiture allows authorities to seize property they say is related to criminal activity. Muchimba is the subject of a criminal investigation, according to court documents, but has not been charged with a crime.

Muchimba — who the complaint said was placed on off-duty status without pay in March — did not respond to requests for comment by mail and phone. Phone and email messages to Double Blue Investments were also not returned. No attorney for him has entered an appearance in the case.

According to the complaint, a

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Dropped charges, but derailed lives

Kenneil Cole struggles to rebuild career; dismissal angers victim's family

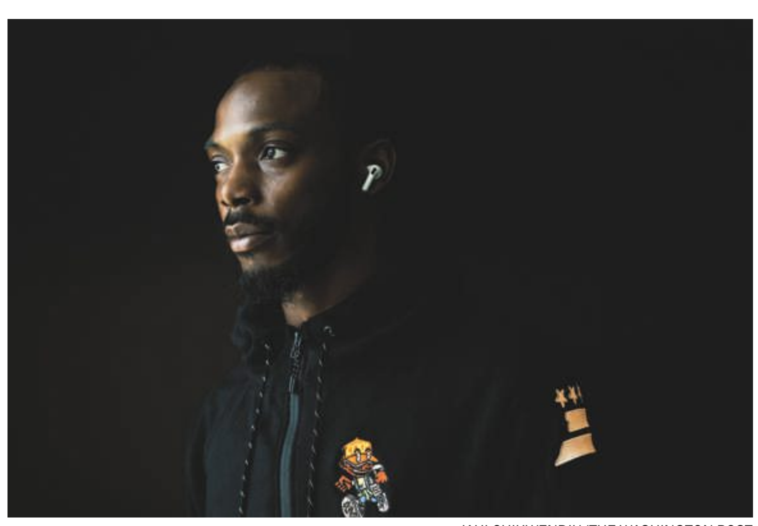
BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER AND KEITH L. ALEXANDER

Five years ago, Kenneil Cole's friends speculated only half in jest that he might one day become the mayor of D.C. His story was compelling: His mother died when he was a youth, he was homeless, and he had spent time in juvenile detention for robbery. But he worked hard, graduating from Delaware State University and parlaying an internship with the D.C. attorney general's office focused on community engagement into a full-time job. He captivated audiences as he spoke of overcoming juvenile incarceration and turning his life around.

Now 29, Cole said he is struggling to find fulfilling work. He spends his free time riding his bike or listening to music alone inside his Southwest Washington apartment. Lately, he's found solace in feeding the birds near Buzzard Point.

Everything changed on June 25, 2018 — the day Cole got into a deadly altercation with an acquaintance, 24-year-old Keon

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Kenneil Cole was charged with killing his roommate, Keon Wallace, in 2018, but the charges were dropped in February.

Data shows issues with 911 center staffing

Agency faces criticism as some callers are left on hold for 3-4 minutes

BY EMILY DAVIES

The District's beleaguered 911 center released new data Friday that shows nearly 40 percent of shifts at the facility last month were understaffed, and that multiple callers were kept on hold for three or four minutes.

The data, which the agency says it will update monthly, provides rare insight into a D.C. government agency that has acknowledged mistakes and faced allegations of mismanagement. It comes less than a month after emergency responders did not arrive at a flooding dog day-care center for 23 minutes, and 10 dogs drowned in their kennels, a tragedy that intensified criticism of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC).

The data release was mandated by emergency legislation the D.C. Council passed this summer, which required the office to post the number of call-taker and dispatcher errors and their causes, along with staffing and other information, by the end of August. The Washington Post previously reported that the city had failed to

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Anger precedes 911 center data release

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post the data by that time. Nearly 100 neighborhood representatives later sent a letter to city leaders calling for more transparency at the agency.

"Launching the dashboard is an important step toward transparency and accuracy at OUC, our 911 call center," council member Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2), who chairs the public safety and judiciary committee, said in a statement. "I and my team are reviewing all the data to identify patterns and areas in need of improvement not only in operations but also in the data posted."

Pinto said she plans to question the director of the OUC about 911 operations at an Oct. 5 hearing.

The data offers a granular look at the emergency response time from Aug. 30 to Sept. 6. In that period, the average answer time — the time it takes a call taker to pick up the phone — was between two and 21 seconds each day, while the maximum answer time was four minutes.

According to national standards, 90 percent of 911 calls should be answered within 15 seconds. D.C.'s 911 center only hit that 90 percent metric on one of the eight days in the data released Friday.

After the call-taker answered the phone, it took an average of 57 seconds to an average of nearly two minutes for them to enter the information in a queue so help could be dispatched, depending on the priority level of the call, the data shows. But at times, it took a call-taker almost 15 minutes to make the dispatch request.

Over the summer, the 911 center was chronically short-staffed, according to OUC's data. In July, 22 of 67 shifts did not meet the minimum staffing requirements. In August, 26 of 66 shifts did not meet the minimum.

Heather McGaffin, the OUC director who was confirmed earlier this year, has previously acknowledged staffing troubles. The D.C. auditor also found, in a March report, that the center had recruited more than 30 new employees but more than 50 employees had left.

Residents have been vocal about their frustration with the D.C. government's response to issues at the 911 center. Families of people who died in cases in which mistakes at the 911 center delayed emergency response have testified at city council hearings, slamming top city officials for failing to take responsibility for breakdowns. And the owners of some of the 10 dogs killed in the flood at District Dogs, who met with D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) about the incident, previously told The Post that the mayor seemed to downplay the botched response.

The data dashboard, in a log of 15 complaints reported this summer, also defended 911 center employees for their response to District Dogs.

"Calls were handled appropriately using the call taking questions available at that time," the log said. It also said that the OUC had worked with the fire department "to make changes to call taking ques[ti]ons and call type that is selected for inside flooding when people are trapped."

Dave Statter, a retired WUSA reporter who closely tracks emergency dispatches, said on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, that the list of complaints was not complete and the website was "difficult to navigate."

Chris Magnus, deputy auditor for public safety in D.C., said it was "not surprising there are concerns about if and how this dashboard answers important questions, if data is provided in a helpful context, and ultimately if what's provided is even understandable."

McGaffin did not respond Friday afternoon to requests for an interview.

EDUCATION

HBCUs record a wave of presidential departures as challenges rise in job

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL

Higher education is witnessing a flurry of presidential departures as college and university leaders are resigning, retiring or being terminated across the sector. But some segments are seeing an acute number of departures relative to their size.

Take the nation's roughly 100 historically Black colleges and universities, where nearly a quarter of presidential seats have opened since last year, according to Terrell Strayhorn, director of the Center for the Study of HBCUs at Virginia Union University. He said the rate of departure has been especially high this year, with more than a dozen presidents stepping down since March.

The reasons for these exits are as varied as the leaders who left and the institutions they led, but there are some commonalities. Many took place at small, private, religious-affiliated schools, such as LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis and Philander Smith College in Little Rock. There have also been some women leaving their positions, as well as public battles over enrollment and finances.

"It's difficult to be a university leader, and this [turnover] is sort of the new normal," Strayhorn said. "The sheer number of vacancies at HBCUs is notable, but this trend is part of the enterprise of higher ed."

College presidents are under pressure to lead their institutions through the uncertainty of a post-affirmative action era, the lingering impact of the pandemic and the growing politicization of higher education while competing for an ever-shrinking pool of students — contributing to an environment that is making the job tougher and shortening the tenure of some leaders.

A study by the American Council on Education found that in 2006, college presidents who responded had been on the job for an average of 8.5 years. In 2022, the average fell to 5.9 years.

Among historically Black institutions, analysis by the Center for the Study of HBCUs shows the average tenure of recently departed presidents is 2.1 years, just half of the usual 4.5-year contract extended to presidents in the sector.

Brief tenures can raise questions about the stability of an institution, but that doesn't appear to be the case in this new wave of departures at HBCUs, said Felecia Commodore, an associate professor of higher education at Old Dominion University.

"You figure most strategic plans now are around five years, and if you have presidents leaving in the middle of a five-year strategic plan, that should concern us," Commodore said. "That being said, we also need to be clear that presidencies are getting shorter."

For Elfred Anthony Pinkard, who left Wilberforce University in Ohio in June after five years at the helm and before fully executing a strategic plan he developed, stepping down was a matter of health. Pinkard had back surgery in February 2022 and said he has since wanted to slow down.

"It was hard work," Pinkard said of his time as president of the country's oldest private HBCU. "I couldn't continue this assault on my overall health. It was a solid five years, and we put some important things in place. Wilberforce still has its challenges, but it is on a good path."

Pinkard said he announced his departure a year before stepping down to give the board and campus community time to prepare for the transition.



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Students pass the water tower at Prairie View A&M University in Texas. Founded in 1876, the historically Black school is the second-oldest public institution of higher learning in the state.

During his tenure, Pinkard shepherded the university through some tough times. The school was in a precarious fiscal position before he was hired but has reduced its balance sheet liabilities by 66 percent since 2017. The Higher Learning Commission also placed Wilberforce on probation in 2019 for not meeting accreditation standards, but the agency lifted that designation in 2021.

Pinkard faced resistance from faculty members, who passed a vote of no confidence in March 2022, over cuts to academic programs and fiscal management. The university's board of trustees, which supported Pinkard, said the vote was invalid because it did not meet university standards.

In some ways, the demands of being president — such as fundraising and financial management — are heightened at HBCUs because of underfunding and stretched resources, said Edward Smith-Lewis, vice president of strategic partnerships and institutional programs at the United Negro College Fund.

"Those systemic issues were prevalent before . . . and may be exacerbated now," Smith-Lewis said. "It's kind of virtually impossible to think about having a new leader come in, learn the history and culture of the institution, begin to fix things, and have impact all in a three-to-four-year period."

UNCF's Institute for Capacity Building works with governing boards at HBCUs to help select leaders and then support hires after they start. The Executive Leadership Institute at Clark Atlanta University is doing similar work to prepare leaders of historically Black schools for the complexities of running their institutions.

Leaders of HBCUs say what it takes to be a successful president has evolved, especially in the wake of a pandemic and enrollment pressures.

"The covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the need to view higher education institutions as businesses," said Cynthia Warrick, who in June retired after 6.5 years as president of Stillman College, a historically Black liberal arts institution in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Presidents, who typically rise through the ranks of academia, must also be adept at financial management and economic development to generate the revenue needed to address deferred maintenance on aging campuses, she said. Having served as interim president of South Carolina State and Grambling State universities, Warrick said she arrived at Stillman in 2017 able to quickly assess and intervene in the challenges facing the school.

The private college had been on the brink of closure — indebted to a coalition of local banks for a loan to cover payroll and in default on $40 million borrowed through a federal program for HBCUs. Warrick said she cut expenses, strengthened relationships with alumni and the local community, and worked to get a handle on the federal debt, which the Education Department eventually forgave.

After turning around the college and steering it through the pandemic, Warrick said she is ready to devote some energy to her personal interests, specifically a nonprofit the former pharmacist founded to help diversify the biomedical sciences.

> *"Those systemic issues were prevalent before . . . and may be exacerbated now."*
>
> **Edward Smith-Lewis,** vice president of strategic partnerships and institutional programs at the United Negro College Fund

"Stillman has progressed to a point where new leadership could take the helm," Warrick said.

Lester C. Newman, who stepped down in June from Jarvis Christian University in Hawkins, Tex., after 11 years, also spent time working with the college's board on his transition. Newman said it is critical to cultivate talent to create a pipeline of leaders, which he has done in his 47 years in higher education. His successor, Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt, happens to be the first person Newman hired when he was president of Mississippi Valley State University.

Newman said he made it a point to really get to know his team at Jarvis and instituted an annual retreat with the board. The informal environment made it easier to bounce around ideas and discuss challenges than it would have been in the boardroom, he said.

The relationship presidents have with their boards, faculty and students can make or break their tenure.

In April, the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees voted unanimously to fire Alcorn State University President Felecia Nave, who had been on the job since 2019. The board has not discussed the reason for letting Nave go, but she had faced calls from students and alumni to resign over complaints about tepid enrollment and poor communication.

Nave did not respond to requests for comment.

She is among several female presidents at HBCUs to leave their posts in the past year, including Carmen Walters at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, Vernell Bennett-Fairs at LeMoyne-Owen and Lesia Crumpton-Young at Texas Southern University in Houston. Many of them had been the first women to lead their institutions, and many left in less than five years.

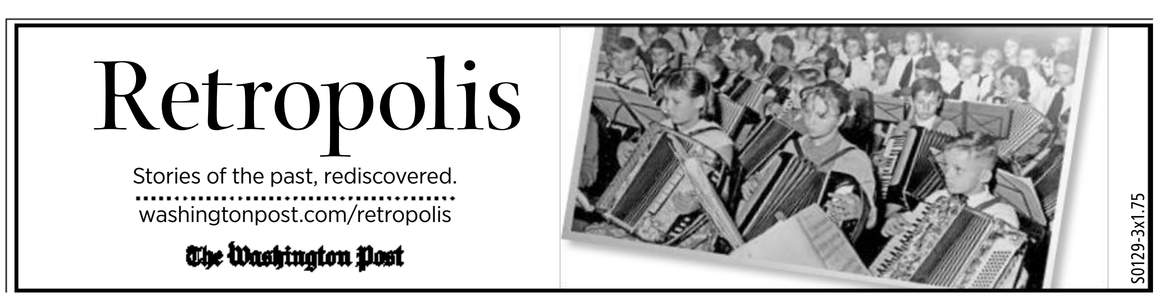
It is unclear why each stepped down. Some declined to comment, while others did not respond to requests for comment.

Commodore at Old Dominion said this trend is not a new phenomenon but still warrants further exploration into why women are heading for the door. She noted that historically Black schools typically appoint more women as presidents than the rest of higher education.

"If this is a space where Black women have probably the best shot at a college presidency and they're not lasting for more than three to five years, what message is that sending to the pipeline of aspiring Black women college presidents, particularly those who are interested in serving in the HBCU sector?" Commodore said.

In all, the spate of departures within the HBCU sector could be an "opportunity to bring in fresh leadership, diverse and inclusive leaders, people who may think about higher education and its role both locally and globally, differently than in the past," Strayhorn at Virginia Union said. "But only time will tell if that happens."





He survived 9/11. As a Red Cross volunteer, he helps others touched by disaster.



John Kelly's Washington

Joe DeFelice is retired. He doesn't have to show up at disaster sites eager to help victims begin putting their lives back together, but it's something he's good at. He worked for more than 30 years for the hospitality company Aramark, so he knows how to get stuff done.

The 72-year-old resident of Calvert County, Md., volunteers with the Red Cross, assisting with disaster relief. Joe has helped tornado victims in Arkansas and hurricane victims in Louisiana — arranging lodging, food and clothing for people who have lost all those things.

Sometimes, if the time seems right, Joe shares his own stories of loss and coming back from it.

"If you remember 9/11, that day was a beautiful, beautiful day," Joe told me. "The sky was blue, the sun was out, then all of a sudden, I heard the roar of the plane and my life changed pretty quickly."

On Sept. 11, 2001, Joe was in his office on the 15th floor of the World Trade Center's South Tower. Aramark ran the observation deck near the top of the skyscraper. It was early, and only a handful of the more than 300 employees Joe oversaw were at work.

Nobody was sure what had just happened, what was still happening. Joe took an elevator down to the ground level, then followed the crowd through the streets and into the lobby of a building a few blocks away. When the twin towers fell, the lobby filled with debris and Joe moved again, finally ending up on a boat going to a triage center on Liberty Island.

Joe had survived, but it was clear some Aramark employees had not. He led the team that pored over rosters, went to hospitals and chased down leads to collect an accurate accounting. After four weeks, it was determined that seven Aramark employees had been killed. Five of them had worked for Joe.

"Aramark set up a big fund and helped every family during that time," Joe said. "My second big job was trying to place people and find them jobs."

Hundreds of Aramark staffers were out of work. For three months, Joe worked from a hotel room in Jersey City to get each staffer squared away.

"It was uncharted waters, as you would suspect," he said.

Joe grew up in the hospitality industry in New Haven, Conn., where his father was the chef at a restaurant called the Weathervane and his mother was the manager. Joe got into the stadium catering side of things, running food and beverage for Aramark at the former Providence Civic Center, the Capital Centre outside D.C. and the Forum in Los Angeles.

Then Aramark bought Ogden Entertainment Services, which ran the observation deck at the World Trade Center, and put him in charge.

"Two million people visited a year," he said.

After 9/11, Joe's next assignment for Aramark was at the convention center in New Orleans, a city he grew to love.

In August 2005, Joe was called back to D.C. for some meetings. While he was away from Louisiana, Hurricane Katrina struck. He couldn't get back to his house in New Orleans for six weeks. When he returned, he discovered it had flooded.

"I lost everything," he said.

Joe knows what it's like to come back from catastrophe, which is why, after he retired, he started volunteering with the Red Cross. His first deployment was to Louisiana after Hurricane Laura in 2020. He spent three weeks in a Hyatt hotel in New Orleans taking care of almost 600 people.

"I tell people who are struggling, who lost everything they own, 'I hear you. I've been through it,'" he said. "I don't go into great detail, but if they're suffering, I can connect. I know what to say or what not to say."

Joe still carries his World Trade Center ID in his wallet. The memories of that September morning never really go away, especially at this time of year. Burned into his memory is the image of a man and a woman holding hands and jumping.

"That will never leave me," he said. "And the roar of the planes will never leave me. It took me a while. I struggled for a good two years. Sometimes I'd be driving and I'd start crying. I was dealing with a lot. That's why I try to find a purpose. These last few years going to these disasters and helping people makes me feel tremendous."



BRENDA DEFELICE



COURTESY OF JOE DEFELICE

After retiring from the hospitality company Aramark, Joe DeFelice began volunteering with the Red Cross, helping victims of natural disasters. He worked in the World Trade Center on 9/11 and lost his possessions during Hurricane Katrina. He still carries his World Trade Center ID in his wallet.

Prosecutors: Mail carrier stole checks

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postal customer reported in January that they had not received a U.S. Treasury check for about $14,000. Instead, the check had been altered and deposited into a bank account opened by Muchimba.

The customer "recognized the name and the address on the U.S. Treasury check as the same name and address that [the] mail carrier had used on a holiday card," the complaint said.

Four other altered Treasury checks were deposited into an account controlled by Muchimba, according to the complaint, and surveillance photos showed a person prosecutors said was Muchimba withdrawing funds from those accounts while "wearing U.S. Postal Service clothing typically worn by employees."

A search of Muchimba's residence in March recovered an ATM receipt for the deposit of a U.S. Treasury check for more than $415,000 into a Sandy Spring Bank account, the complaint said, and the account was seized in April.

In all, Muchimba controlled bank accounts at eight financial institutions and deposited "approximately 98 misappropriated checks," the vast majority of them from the U.S. Treasury, totaling about $1.7 million, according to the complaint.

Spokespeople for the U.S. Postal Service and its inspector general's office declined to comment, and the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia, which filed the complaint, did not respond to requests for comment.

Last year, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service alerted the Justice Department that there was an increase in checks being stolen from the mail and used in fraudulent schemes.

In May, the Postal Service released statistics showing there had been 25,000 thefts from mailboxes in the first half of the fiscal year, compared with 38,500 for all of last year. At that rate, the service is on track for a 30 percent increase in mailbox thefts. In some cases, postal employees have been a part of the crimes, including incidents in Los Angeles and Illinois.

The Postal Service said it would increase security measures, including installing higher-security collection boxes and replacing some older locks with electronic ones.



COURT DOCUMENTS

A postal worker who allegedly stole checks from the mail and deposited them into his bank accounts. Federal prosecutors said in court documents filed last month that he stole about $1.7 million.

LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Woman, 21, killed in Northeast shooting

A 21-year-old woman was fatally shot Saturday afternoon in Northeast Washington, and police said they have made an arrest in connection with the killing.

The incident occurred at 3:13 p.m. in the 1200 block of Duncan Place NE.

Officers found Jordan Coates with multiple gunshot wounds. She died at a hospital, police said.

As D.C. police were investigating the shooting, there was "a short barricade" incident, police said in a statement.

The suspect, Damion Brown, 24, of Southeast Washington, eventually surrendered and was arrested. Brown has been charged with second-degree murder while armed, police said.

Efforts to find relatives of Coates and Brown were unsuccessful.

No information was available in court records about an attorney for Brown.

In a news release, police said the killing "appears to be domestic in nature."

The D.C. police investigation determined Coates and Brown were either currently or formerly in a "romantic relationship," D.C. police spokeswoman Hannah Glasgow said.

No further details were immediately available.

— Ellie Silverman and Spencer S. Hsu

Man dies after shooting, car crash

A shooting and car crash in Southeast Washington last week has become a homicide after the victim died, D.C. police said.

Brandon Gant, 23, of Southeast, was found in a vehicle about 3:30 a.m. Wednesday near 18th Street and Minnesota Avenue SE. He was found after the sounds of gunshots and a collision were reported to authorities, police said. Gant was taken to a hospital with severe injuries and died Friday, police said.

No information was available about any suspect or motive. It was not immediately clear whether the victim's injuries were suffered as a result of the shooting or the collision.

— Martin Weil

MARYLAND

Man slain in Prince George's County

A man was shot and killed Friday afternoon in a commercial area near a principal crossroads in the Clinton area of Prince George's County, according to police.

The man was found about 4:20 p.m. near Woodyard Road and Mike Shapiro Drive by officers who went to investigate gunfire, police said.

The site is just east of Branch Avenue and the interchange of Branch and Woodyard.

— Martin Weil

MARYLAND

Baltimore police hope early intervention helps find red flags in officers' behavior

BY DARCY COSTELLO

Baltimore Police will soon track officer behaviors, such as uses of force or arrests, to look for red flags in need of correction or assistance.

The early intervention system will alert supervisors and command staff about potentially problematic performance — allowing the department to then intervene with nondisciplinary steps including training, supervisor actions or connection to the Officer Safety and Wellness section.

It's meant to catch issues before they rise to the level of complaints or wrongdoing, the department says.

"The goal is not to have it be a punitive system," Deputy Commissioner Eric Melancon, who leads the agency's Compliance Bureau, recently told the city's Board of Estimates on Wednesday. "In fact, it's designed to make sure we're getting in front of an officer's behavior through direct intervention, before something manifests itself as misconduct."

The spending board voted unanimously to approve the $2.5 million request from the police department.

The allocation will cover five years, though the contract will begin with a three-year time frame and have options for renewal, Melancon said. The spending request was a late addition to the Wednesday meeting agenda.

Baltimore Police did not immediately provide a copy of the contract. But it said it would be awarded to Benchmark Analytics, a company offering management tools it says will help accountability and officer wellness.

This kind of system was called for in the city's consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice, reached in 2017 to address unconstitutional policing practices.

The agreement requires the department to have an upgraded early intervention system that "promotes supervisory awareness and proactive identification of potentially problematic behavior among officers" and that "facilitates the delivery of individualized interventions."

It mandates, specifically, that the system capture metrics including uses of force; injuries and deaths of people in police custody; vehicle pursuits; traffic collisions; violations of body camera policies; misconduct complaints; disciplinary action; nondisciplinary corrective action; sick leave use; and training records.

It also requires the department to track when prosecutors or judges make a negative determination about an officer's credibility, when an officer faces criminal proceedings or restraining orders and when an officer uses force and charges a person with crimes such as failure to obey, resisting arrest, assault on an officer, disorderly conduct or trespassing.

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> Deputy commissioner, Baltimore Police Compliance Bureau

Melancon on Wednesday called the contract a "critical item" for consent decree compliance and "one of the last linchpins" of the technology requirements.

Earlier this year, the federal judge overseeing the consent decree, U.S. District Judge James K. Bredar, too, cited the system as one of the remaining challenges to the department in fully meeting consent decree expectations.

Mayor Brandon Scott, who sits on the Board of Estimates, said he pushed for an early intervention system as a city councilman, before the consent decree. He said the system has been a "long, long, long time coming."

The system will catch infractions or signs there is an issue earlier, so they do not "fester," Scott said at a later press availability. He pointed specifically to the Gun Trace Task Force, the corrupt squad that erupted into scandal and federal criminal charges.

"Those things would've been caught earlier, if we had these systems in place," Scott said. "It's about accountability."

Baltimore Police's early intervention system policy, published in 2018, describes the system as a resource to help officers succeed in their careers by offering a "confidential process" to track indicators that could pose a risk to the officer, police force or public.

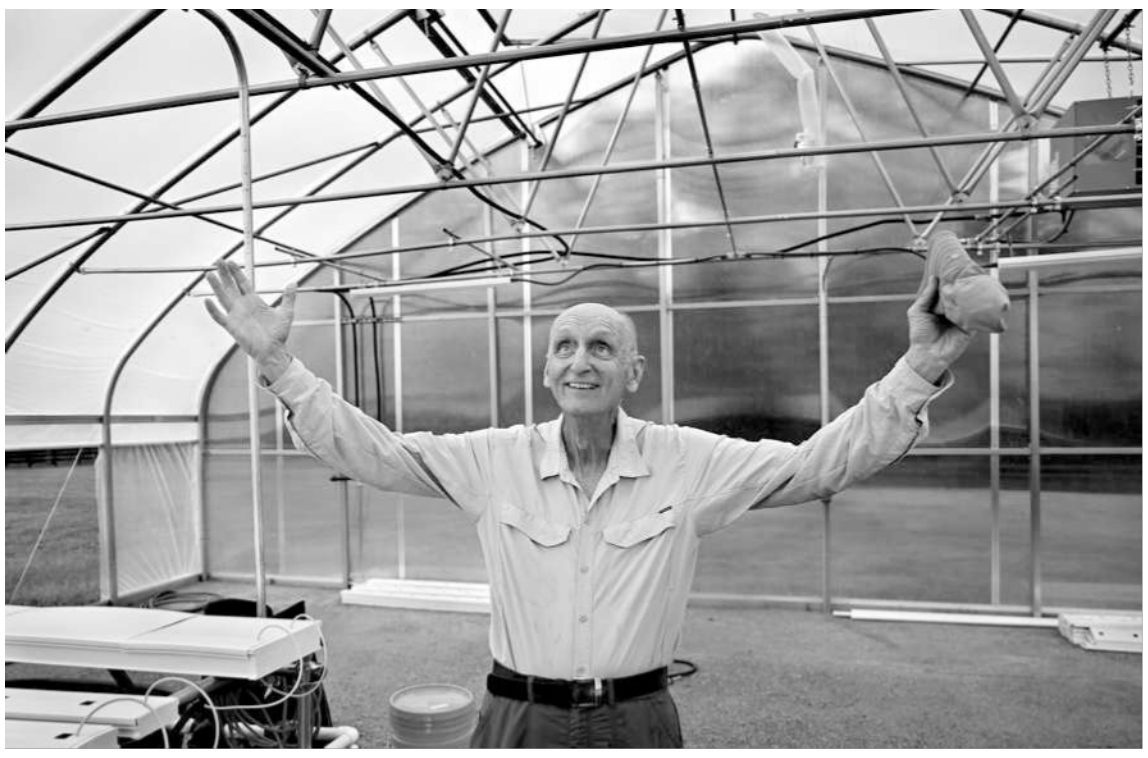
It goes on to describe that some officers could receive performance improvement plans containing the job performance issue and the corresponding corrective actions.

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Drought conditions pepper the region as farmers adapt to lack of rainfall

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Basin — part of the committee — said in an email that agencies monitoring area water levels "will continue to urge residents and businesses in the DMV to use water wisely."

Virginia's Fauquier County has been especially hit hard. The federal government's drought monitor marks the northern parts of the county as under "severe drought." James Hilleary, Fauquier's agriculture development officer, said the northern section of the county, is struggling. Streams are dry and pastures are parched, he said. Livestock producers have started feeding hay to animals, which is unusual at this time of year.

After 20 years in the county, Hilleary has seen drought like this before. But it's "been a long time," he said.

Farther north in the Potomac Basin, Katie Stevens, director of agriculture and small business services for Frederick County, Md., also grows cattle, hay, corn and cut flowers. In a county about 50 miles from the District where some areas are at "severe drought" status, she doesn't like what she's seen this summer.

Growers in "agritourism" who offer products like sunflowers, Stevens said, are going to be completely shut down without rain. Farmers with irrigation systems will struggle to water acres upon acres of fields, while those without irrigation systems will simply have to go without.

Some crop yields are expected to be half of what they were last year, according to Stevens, and those who can't find enough grass or hay to feed their cattle may have to sell them.

"We can't control the weather," Stevens said. "We're praying for rain … but it's going to take more than a little bit of rain. We need some nice steady rain so it stays in the fields."

Even those in relative safety are concerned. Stacey Carlberg, the co-owner of Fireside Farm in Loudoun County, said her vegetable farm has access to a good well even as the streams around her property dry up. The plants she's putting in now for a fall harvest prefer cooler temperatures but, at least for now, she can irrigate.

"It's worrisome. It seems like there isn't much rain in the future," she said. "If our well were to stop providing water — and there are neighboring farms with well houses dried up — that would be a catastrophe for us."

At Georges Mill Farm, also in Loudoun, Molly Kroiz raises goats and makes cheese. Though the farm has planted a variety of crops that are more drought-resistant than grass to feed her animals, she still relies on hay later in the year and is worried that prices may rise due to a drought-shortened supply.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Vern Conaway, 76, co-founder of View of Heaven Farm, looks up with joy at the sound of rain. Horses graze on dry grass at the farm. Conaway heads inside as a storm approaches the farm. A sign, right, notes drought conditions.



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Molly Kroiz,
a farmer who runs Georges Mill Farm in Loudoun County

One dry year won't kill the farm, Kroiz said, but it makes for an expensive winter and an uncertain future. This, Kroiz said, is a sign of climate change.

"We want people to know the effect climate has on farmers," she said. "It's not just you're not able to mow your lawn. It has an effect on your food supply as well."

Right now, it's unclear whether rain is coming. Storms and lower temperatures are forecast for the coming week, but the fall is expected to be warm with uncertain amounts of precipitation.

At View of Heaven Farm, a cool wind started blowing not long after Conaway put away her smartphone. The sky darkened, and storm clouds moved off the mountain ridge. As lightning flashed, a hard rain fell for about 20 minutes while Conaway and her family took shelter in a hydroponic facility she built to grow food using less water.

After the storm, Conaway dug at the dirt alongside the path leading to her driveway. The grass was wet — but right below the surface, the dirt was dry.

"That was a lovely rain," she said. "But it didn't go down very far."

Jason Samenow contributed to this report.

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Prosecutors dropped murder charges against Kenneil Cole in 2018 shooting

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Wallace, whom Cole was letting stay in the Southeast Washington home he'd inherited from his mother as Wallace similarly took steps to leave behind a troubled past.

Cole said he tried to evict Wallace that day and feared for his life when Wallace shoved a gun in his face. Prosecutors alleged Cole fired 11 shots into Wallace's body, five of which struck his head. They charged him with first-degree murder.

But in February, after Cole had spent a year and a half behind bars and another three under court supervision, prosecutors moved to dismiss the case. Police said prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office in D.C. decided they could not overcome his claims of self-defense.

The resolution has left no one satisfied. Though he's relieved that the charges were dropped, Cole said his life has been derailed as he struggles to rebuild his reputation as a community leader. Wallace's family members said they are furious that prosecutors dismissed the case.

"I wanted this to go to trial so more can come out. How are they then going to come back and tell us they couldn't prosecute because it was self-defense?" said Wallace's older sister, Latressa Wallace. "We will never be at peace. The system failed to give us justice."



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The shooting

Cole was a student at Delaware State when he first met Wallace in the summer of 2016. D.C. Council member Trayon White Sr. (D-Ward 8), who had helped Cole land an internship in the office of then-D.C. Attorney General Karl A. Racine, took Wallace and others to see Cole's dorm. The trip was meant to give at-risk youths a chance to see firsthand what the world outside D.C.'s streets could offer.

"We basically were telling him, 'this is what changing your life and success looks like, you have all these opportunities,'" Cole recalled.

The youngest of five children who grew up in D.C., Cole was already considered a success story. As an intern in Racine's office, he had helped create — and was the first recipient of — the "Right Direction" award, given annually to District youths who have overcome challenges and positively impacted their communities. He lectured young men at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center, the same detention facility where he was held as a juvenile.

Soon Wallace, who was similar in age to Cole and had faced criminal charges in the past, including marijuana possession, threats to do bodily harm and unlawful entry, began making small strides of his own. He enrolled in a city government program for unemployed youths focused on violence interruption and connecting people from Southeast Washington to city services.

Then one Saturday in May 2018, Cole said that Wallace appeared outside of Cole's family home, claiming his girlfriend had put him out. He needed a place to stay. Cole said he reluctantly agreed.

The roommate relationship quickly deteriorated. Within days of Wallace moving in, the two disagreed over sharing the space, Cole said, adding that Wallace often brought friends to the home without permission.

On the night of June 24, 2018, the two attended a mutual friend's party, where Cole said Wallace began acting "hostile" toward him. A few hours afterward, Cole said he texted Wallace, asking him to move out.

Cole said Wallace arrived at his house with a friend before dawn the following day. He said he reiterated his request for Wallace to leave, and Wallace reached into a bag and put a gun to his head.

"I was begging him, 'Please, please, I don't want to fight,'" Cole recalled. "He told me he was going to kill me and my girlfriend."

What happened next would be the subject of a legal battle for years to come.

Cole said he wrestled the gun away and gave it to Wallace's friend, who took it outside.

Janani Iyengar, an assistant U.S. attorney assigned to the case, argued in court that Cole and Wallace then began to struggle again, and using another gun, Cole shot Wallace in the shoulder.

Cole declined to comment on who owned the second firearm, which was never recovered by investigators, pointing to guidance from his attorney.

Cole's girlfriend told a grand jury that Wallace was screaming at her during the altercation, and Cole was trying to protect her,



FAMILY PHOTO

authorities said in court. Iyengar said that after Wallace was shot in the initial wrestling match, he fell on top of the girlfriend, crying out he had been shot.

The prosecutor said that the girlfriend told the grand jury that Cole pulled Wallace off her and threw him to the floor, and that Wallace was curled in a fetal position when Cole shot him again. Prosecutors alleged that Cole fired 10 more shots at Wallace while he was lying prone, according to a transcript of a court hearing.

The girlfriend's full name was not in court records, and Cole declined to identify her so a Washington Post reporter could attempt to reach her.

Cole said he was so afraid during the altercation that he can't remember how many times he pulled the trigger. But he said he remembers running away "to the fastest thing that made me feel safe." He got into his car and fled to his aunt's house.

Police found Wallace dead inside Cole's home about 1:44 a.m.

Kenneil Cole, above, was jailed after being charged with murder in the killing of Keon Wallace, but was released into court supervision in 2020. The family of Wallace, left, says the dismissed charges denied them answers about his death.

on June 25.

Six hours later, Cole turned himself in to the police. An officer testified that Cole showed up at the station in a panicked state, and that vomit was found on the driver's side of the car.

"I can tell you I was scared for my life," Cole said. "It's very traumatizing to this day. And it was never something I wanted to do."

Murder or self-defense?

Milton C. Lee, the D.C. Superior Court judge initially assigned to the case, cast doubt on Cole's claims of self-defense at his July 2018 preliminary hearing and ordered him to be held until trial. The judge suggested that Cole, despite signs of progress, "did not evolve completely" from the life that led him to juvenile incarceration.

Cole moved between the D.C. jail and a federal facility in Rappahannock, Va., until a new judge, Neil Kravitz, took over the case in January 2020, as part of the regular, two-year calendar rotation among judges in D.C. Superior Court.

At a hearing before Kravitz the next month on whether Cole should continue to remain held, prosecutors and defense attorneys sparred over whether the case was self-defense or a cold-blooded killing.

Iyengar noted that Wallace "sustained 10 gunshots after that first shot had been fired during the struggle," according to a transcript, adding that the number of wounds "completely undercuts any potential self-defense claim that can be made here." She added there was no evidence that Wallace was assaulting or striking Cole's girlfriend after he fell.

Cole's attorney, James King, then of the District's Public Defender Service, countered that the girlfriend also testified that she was screaming out for help after Wallace fell on top of her, which prompted Cole to fire more shots at Wallace.

Kravitz said there was enough new evidence to show that the first gunshot was fired in self-defense, and it was unlikely a jury would find Cole guilty of first-degree murder. But he said jurors could convict Cole of second-degree murder or manslaughter.

"Of all those outcomes, the one that is most likely is voluntary manslaughter while armed," Kravitz said, adding that the shooting "was still an extreme act of violence."

Then, after reading numerous letters from Cole's supporters about his character — including a senior attorney in the District who once worked in Racine's office — Kravitz released Cole from jail into high-intensity court supervision, ruling that he was not a risk to the community.

"I started crying," Cole recalled. "Judge Kravitz was the one to say, 'Something isn't right here, and we need to take another look.'"

With Cole's trial set for this June, a new prosecutor and lead attorney were assigned to the case. In February — by which time a third judge, Maribeth Raffinan, had inherited the case — prosecutors alerted the court they had decided to drop the charges.

The aftermath

Patricia Hartman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined to comment on the decision to drop the case. Paris Lewbel, a spokesman for D.C. police, said in a statement that police understood "the United States Attorney's Office dismissed the case because they did not believe they could overcome claims of self-defense," but detectives had thoroughly investigated the killing.

Latressa Wallace, Wallace's older sister, said she still knows little about her brother's relationship with Cole outside of what was revealed in court hearings. She has a list of unanswered questions: What happened to the second gun? And why didn't Cole call the police after the shooting if he was protecting himself?

"I wish I had more answers. I'm just going off what people said at this point," Wallace said, adding, "None of this adds up to self-defense. I'm not even a lawyer or a prosecutor and I can see that."

Cole said he has had difficulty adjusting to life since his arrest. The murder charge was dismissed without prejudice, meaning prosecutors could refile at any time. He said he sympathizes with Wallace's family, though he feels he did what he had to do.

"They still lost a loved one. And I know how it feels to lose a loved one," he said.

Standing on the roof of his apartment building this spring, Cole wondered aloud whether he could still become a champion of juvenile justice reform in the District. He said he called New Beginnings Youth Development Center after his case was dismissed but has not been invited back to mentor the young men there.

"I'm still the same Kenneil," he said.

Cole's oldest brother sold his family's four-bedroom house in Southeast, once a hangout spot for Cole's large circle, while he was in jail. He said his old friends have moved on, and that he attends therapy weekly. He lives along with a cat inside his Southwest apartment, no longer attends parties and deleted thousands of followers from his social media.

"Coming back to a society that views him differently can have a further debilitating effect on the psyche," said Andreea Matei, a policy associate with the Justice Policy Center of the Urban Institute. She added that prospective employers often view arrests in the same light as a conviction.

Cole said that he has been turned away from jobs with DoorDash, Instacart, FedEx and Compass Coffee. He once thought he might have a career in policy and law. Last year, he was able to secure a low-level job in the transportation industry.

"I can never forget Judge Lee saying 'I must not have evolved completely,' like he knew what was happening in that house," Cole said. "But I can change what I do — my mind-set. And maybe that's enough."

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Father of girl sexually assaulted at school pardoned

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tion at a time of intense political polarization in education, becoming entangled in debates over transgender issues because the student was wearing a skirt when he assaulted Smith's daughter in a school bathroom. It also infuriated community members who questioned why the student was transferred to another school after the incident; within months, he assaulted another girl at the new school.

The teen, who will remain on the Virginia sex-offender registry for the rest of his life, was sent to a residential treatment facility and will be on probation until he is 18.

Smith, who was confronted at the board meeting by a community member threatening to spread false and malicious rumors about his business, has been wrongly accused of hate crimes and domestic terrorism, the pardon says.

"We righted a wrong," Youngkin said on "Fox News Sunday."

"He should have never been prosecuted here. This was a dad standing up for his daughter," Youngkin said. "His daughter had been sexually assaulted in the bathroom of a school, and no one was doing anything about it."

But Biberaj said video of the incident at the school board meeting showed that an officer had intervened when he saw Smith physically threatening a woman, that a physical altercation resulted between Smith and the deputy, and that two other deputies had to restrain Smith.

Smith thanked the governor Sunday, saying in a written statement that the action reflects the governor's recognition that the justice system had been weaponized and politicized. "And while this pardon closes one chapter in this ongoing battle," he said, "a new chapter has now begun. I will continue to fight for parents and their children who are affected by these misguided and dangerous school policies."

Smith had previously said his daughter's assault was the result of "radical gender policies." He said he went to the June 2021 board meeting because he was concerned about her and other students' safety, was confronted by people who supported new bathroom policies and then unreasonably restrained by law-enforcement officers.

On Sunday, Smith said what happened to his daughter was a horrible but preventable tragedy that she will have to deal with for the rest of her life, and that the actions of the school system and other agencies were abhorrent and unacceptable.

His attorneys said in a statement that the pardon was a vindication for Smith, his family, "and for all parents who stand up against the government's attempt to enact a radical agenda that is obsessed on teaching their children 'what to think,' rather than focusing on teaching children the critical lessons they need to learn in order to be successful."

Biberaj said Youngkin's comments on Fox that the case should never have been prosecuted "sends a message that he believes that the deputies lied about the facts of the case, that the magistrate wrongfully issued the arrest warrants, and the special prosecutor from Stafford, who is prosecuting the case, was engaging in wrongful prosecution … It's a slap in the face for law enforcement."

A circuit court judge last year recused Biberaj from Smith's case after a request from his attorney to disqualify her. Smith's attorneys had argued that she was biased against him and other parents who challenged the school system's transgender policies.

Biberaj said the judge appointed a Republican prosecutor so the public could have confidence in the case.

The commonwealth's attorney for Stafford County, who took over the case after Biberaj was recused, and a spokesman for the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office could not immediately be reached for comment Sunday.

Smith's attorneys said his daughter was assaulted by "a boy claiming to be 'gender fluid.' " Biberaj said that was not accurate; she said he was not transgender or gender fluid.

The Washington Post generally does not name victims of sexual assault or defendants charged as juveniles.

Officials at Loudoun County Public Schools did not immediately respond to requests for comment Sunday.

"I am not a 'domestic terrorist,'" Smith said Sunday in his statement. "I am just a father who will go to the ends of the earth to protect his daughter. I will not ever give up in that endeavor until my family is both protected and fully vindicated."



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Gov. Glenn Youngkin granted a pardon for Scott Thomas Smith.

OBITUARIES

TINA HOWE, 85

Playwright gave female characters center stage in poignant productions

BY EMILY LANGER

Tina Howe, a playwright who gave center stage to the lives of women in works both poignant and absurd, becoming one of the most prominent female playwrights of her generation, died Aug. 28 at a hospital in New York City. She was 85.

The cause was complications from a fall, said her son, Eben Levy.

Ms. Howe wrote for years in obscurity — she was once dropped by an agent who had lost hope for her prospects — before her career took off in the 1980s. Along with Marsha Norman, Wendy Wasserstein and Beth Henley, she became one of a relatively few female dramatists in the era to achieve success in the theater, a place that Ms. Howe described as "still basically a male bastion."

She was a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in drama, first for "Painting Churches" in 1984 and then in 1997 for "Pride's Crossing." Her play "Coastal Disturbances" was nominated for the 1987 Tony Award for best play. But she said she was never after honors.

"I've never expected much fame or glory," Ms. Howe told The Washington Post in 1996. "The nice thing about theater is that we get to explore and decorate our fantasies. The power we have! I can't think of anything that comes close.

"All I want is the same license that Sam Shepard, David Mamet and Edward Albee have to go to the dark side," she continued, referring to the celebrated male playwrights. "I would like to be allowed to show the pain and the neuroses involved in being a [modern] woman."

"Painting Churches," first presented by the Second Stage theater company in Manhattan in 1983, centered on Margaret "Mags" Church, an artist who returns to her upper-crust Boston home to paint a portrait of her aging Brahmin parents and, over the course of the play, comes to see them and herself for who they are.

"Were it rendered in an ordinary, flatly representational manner — the theatrical equivalent of, say, Norman Rockwell — this play's landscape would be unbearably familiar: it's another family drama in which the prodigal child returns home to resolve her relationship with her parents, even as the parents settle scores with each other," drama critic Frank Rich wrote in the New York Times.

In a testament to her creativity, Ms. Howe instead wrote the play "in the dreamiest impressionistic spirit," Rich observed. "It remakes reality with delicate, well-chosen brush strokes, finding beauty and truth in the abstract dance of light on a familiar landscape."

The highborn Ms. Howe, who said she had hidden in a bathroom stall during her coming-out ball at the Plaza Hotel in New York and saw herself as having escaped her parents' milieu, wrote the play shortly after her parents died and acknowledged that the work drew from her own life.

"When people ask me, how much do the Churches resemble my family?" Ms. Howe told the Times in 1983, "I always answer: all of it is true, but none of it happened."

"Coastal Disturbances," also presented by Second Stage with a cast that included Annette Bening, was a love-story-cum-comedy-of-manners set on a Massachusetts beach — a setting that required 20 tons of sand to be hauled into the theater.



JACK MITCHELL/GETTY IMAGES

Playwright Tina Howe, who died on Aug. 28 at 85, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for "Painting Churches" in 1984 and "Pride's Crossing" in 1997. Howe wrote plays that centered stories of women facing the pain and difficulty of modern life.

"I love big, preposterous plays," Ms. Howe told the Times, referring to her earlier plays "Museum," whose cast numbered in the dozens, and "The Art of Dining," which opened at the Kennedy Center in Washington in 1979. "Actors have eaten — even cooked or served food — on stage before," food editor William Rice wrote in The Post of the latter production. "But never so much, nor so continuously."

In "Pride's Crossing," Ms. Howe presented the fictional character Mabel Tidings Bigelow, a nonagenarian who had once challenged the expectations of her highly proper family by swimming across the English Channel, as she looks back on the exploits and regrets of her life.

"I … very much wanted to write about a woman who has lived through the century," Ms. Howe told the San Diego Union-Tribune when the play premiered in 1997. "I wanted to make some sort of statement as the century comes to a close about how we can achieve and what we've done and how we've missed."

Mabel Davis Howe was born in Manhattan on Nov. 21, 1937. No one ever called her Mabel — she always went by "Tina," her son said — and she legally changed her given name as an adult.

Ms. Howe's grandfather, M.A. DeWolfe Howe, was a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer. Her father, Quincy Howe, was a prominent radio and television broadcaster. Her mother, the former Mary Post, was an amateur artist who specialized in oil landscapes, and Ms. Howe recalled spending endless hours as a child at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"On rainy afternoons when my brother and I were tearing the house apart, my mother would say, 'Oh why don't you go to the museum and play?' " Ms. Howe told the Kansas City Star. "So I grew up in the museum, and I knew it like the back of my hand."

After an unhappy education at elite girls' school, Ms. Howe enrolled at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., where she received a bachelor's degree in political science in 1959. She also studied writing, trying and failing in her attempts at fiction.

In a short-story writing class during her senior year, she gave up on the genre and penned a one-act play, "Closing Time," about the end of the world. A classmate and friend, the future Tony-winning actress Jane Alexander, took an interest in what Ms. Howe had written and directed and starred in a production on campus.

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> **Tina Howe,**
> Playwright

"Everyone shouted 'Author, author' at the end," Ms. Howe told The Post, "and I ran up onstage and blew kisses at the audience, because I thought that was what you were supposed to do."

Decades later, Alexander would appear in Ms. Howe's play "Chasing Manet," which premiered in 2009.

After graduating from college, Ms. Howe traveled to Paris, where she became entranced by the absurdist play "The Bald Soprano" by Eugène Ionesco. It "was like walking into the living room of my own house," she told the Los Angeles Times. "This is the world that I have been trying to pin down, and Ionesco did it."

In 1961, Ms. Howe married Norman Levy, a professor and writer. She taught high school English in Maine and Wisconsin while he pursued his studies, supplementing her work as a drama coach.

Ms. Howe's husband died last year. Besides their son, of Maplewood, N.J., survivors include a daughter, Dara Rebell of Manhattan; and three grandchildren.

Her first play, "The Nest," opened in New York in 1970 and included a scene in which a less than completely clothed woman is covered in the icing of an oversize cake. A male character licks the icing from her breasts. Theater critic Clive Barnes, writing in the Times, put it on the "short list of the worst plays I have ever seen."

Ms. Howe persevered through further setbacks. "Birth and After Birth," a play she wrote in the early 1970s, took a graphic look at childbirth and cast an adult actor as a 4-year-old boy. It languished for decades before it was staged in 1995.

"It's one thing for men to be absurdist, because they tend to write about power and identity," Ms. Howe said, "but for a woman to use absurdist technique with issues of child-raising or marriage, there's something vaguely shocking about that."

But gradually, Ms. Howe began to attract interest, and in 1983 she received an Obie Award for "The Art of Dining," "Museum" and "Painting Churches." Her first recognition as a Pulitzer finalist followed the next year.

Her career, she said, was about giving women "license to really explore themselves on the stage."

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OBITUARIES

DENNIS AUSTIN, 76

Principal developer of PowerPoint software

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

Dennis Austin, who played a seminal role in shaping how information is communicated in modern society as the principal software developer of PowerPoint, the ubiquitous and occasionally scorned program employed by office workers, teachers and bureaucrats, died Sept. 1 at his home in Los Altos, Calif. He was 76.

The cause was lung cancer that metastasized to the brain, said his son, Michael Austin.

Released in 1987 by Forethought, a small software firm, PowerPoint was the digital successor to overhead projectors, transforming the labor-intensive process of creating slides — a task typically assigned to design departments or outsourced — to one in which any employee with a computer could point, click and rearrange information with a mouse.

"Our users were familiar with computers, but probably not graphics software," Mr. Austin wrote in an unpublished history of the software's development. "They were highly motivated to look their best in front of others, but they weren't savvy in graphics design."

Working alongside Robert Gaskins, the Forethought executive who conceived the software, it was Mr. Austin's job as the software engineer to make PowerPoint (originally called Presenter) easy to operate. He accomplished this with a "direct-manipulation interface," he wrote, meaning that "what you are editing looks exactly like the final product."

Originally targeted for Macintosh computers, which had a graphical interface, Presenter included ways for users to incorporate graphics, clip art and multiple fonts. In addition, the slides could be uniform with graphic borders, corporate logos and slide numbers. The goal, Mr. Austin wrote, was "to create presentations — not simply slides."

In his book "Sweating Bullets: Notes about Inventing PowerPoint" (2012), Gaskins wrote that "Dennis came up with at least half of the major design ideas," and was "completely responsible for the fluid performance and the polished finish of the implementation."

"It's a good bet," Gaskins added, "that if Dennis had not been the person designing PowerPoint, no one would ever have heard of it."

A few months after PowerPoint debuted, Microsoft bought Forethought for $14 million in its first major acquisition. By 1993, PowerPoint was generating more than $100 million in sales. Microsoft eventually added PowerPoint to its emerging suite of Office programs, including Word.

PowerPoint is now used to create more than 30 million presentations a day, the company says. But on its path to workplace dominance, the software has been derided by corporate executives, business school professors and military generals for dumbing down presentations into a mind-numbing morass of interminable bullet points.

"I hate the way people use slide presentations instead of thinking," Apple's Steve Jobs said in Walter Isaacson's 2011 biography. "People would confront a problem by creating a presentation. I wanted them to engage, to hash things out at the table, rather than show a bunch of slides. People who know what they're talking about don't need PowerPoint."

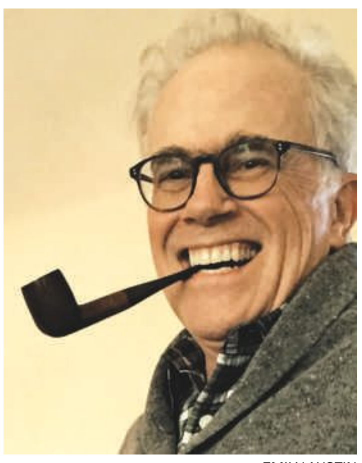
He banned the software. So did Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. "And it's probably the smartest thing we ever did," he said at a leadership conference in 2018. Instead, Bezos made executives write narrative-style memos to share before meetings started. (Bezos owns The Washington Post. Interim Post chief executive Patty Stonesifer sits on Amazon's board.)

At the Pentagon, PowerPoint is both pervasive and reviled.

"PowerPoint makes us stupid," Gen. Jim Mattis, secretary of defense under President Donald Trump, said at a 2010 military conference, according to the New York Times in a story about the software headlined, "We Have Met the Enemy and He Is PowerPoint."

"It's dangerous because it can create the illusion of understanding and the illusion of control," Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster told the paper. "Some problems in the world are not bullet-izable."

A commission convened by NASA to investigate the disintegration of the space shuttle Co-



EMILY AUSTIN

Engineer Dennis Austin helped transform the creation of slides.

lumbia in 2003 identified a PowerPoint slide that used "sloppy" and "vaguely quantitative words" that obscured "life-threatening" safety issues with the vehicle.

"The Board views the endemic use of PowerPoint briefing slides instead of technical papers as an illustration of the problematic methods of technical communication at NASA," the commission's report said.

Mr. Austin and Gaskins acknowledged the complaints but thought they were unfairly aimed at the software and not the people who were using it to make lazy, poor presentations.

"It's just like the printing press," Mr. Austin told the Wall Street Journal in 2007. "It enabled all sorts of garbage to be printed."

PowerPoint's ubiquity and especially its facility in creating tedious, unending presentations made it the rare piece of software to cross over into the cultural lexicon.

The program has been satirized on "Saturday Night Live," in Dilbert comic strips and by New Yorker magazine cartoonists, including Alex Gregory, whose drawing of an executive devil interviewing another devil is captioned, "I need someone well versed in the art of torture — do you know PowerPoint?"

Dennis Robert Austin was born in Pittsburgh on May 28, 1947, and grew up in the suburb of Rosslyn Farms. His father ran an association for executives, and his mother was a typist and later a homemaker.

He studied engineering at the University of Virginia. While there, he worked with a room-sized computer protected by glass. Students wrote programs on a machine that generated punch cards that were then fed into the computer by specially trained computer operators. The programs ran all night, and students returned the next day to see the output.

Eventually, Mr. Austin befriended the operators, who allowed him behind the glass at night to work directly with the machine.

After graduating in 1969, he did graduate work at Arizona State University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of California at Santa Barbara. He then worked for companies including General Electric, Honeywell International, Burroughs, National Cash Register (now NCR) and Tandem Computers.

In 1984, after being laid off by a start-up working on battery powered laptops, Mr. Austin was hired by Forethought, which was founded by two former Apple employees.

After Microsoft acquired Forethought, Mr. Austin continued to lead development of PowerPoint. He retired in 1996.

Mr. Austin married Janet Ann Kilgore in 1972. In addition to his wife and son, survivors include a granddaughter and brother.

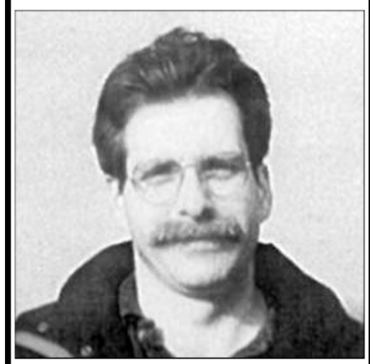
Mr. Austin's friends and family said he never minded the jokes about PowerPoint. He was also well aware his software was being used for presentations far beyond the ones he had intended it for, including wedding proposals, teenager pitches for higher allowances and even as props in standup comedy routines.

In 2005, Mr. Austin was in the audience at a University of California at Berkeley event where David Byrne, frontman of the rock band Talking Heads, gave a PowerPoint presentation about using the software to create art.

"PowerPoint is the Rodney Dangerfield of software: It gets no respect," said Berkeley engineering professor Ken Goldberg, the event's organizer. "It's easy to ridicule it for its corporate nature, but the real story is about how participatory and democratic it is. High school kids use it, rabbis use it, people even use it for wedding toasts."

IN MEMORIAM

FRANTZ



BRIAN DAVID FRANTZ

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DEATH NOTICE

BLEDSOE



CAROLYN ARMSTRONG BLEDSOE

Peacefully passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2023. On Thursday, September 14, friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church, 712 Randolph St NW. Interment Quantico National Cemetery at a later date. Send condolences to **www.marshallmarchfh.com**

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DEATH NOTICE

GLADDEN



QUEEN ELIZABETH LOGAN GLADDEN

Entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. She is survived by her two loving sons, Gerald Anthony Gladden and Gerard Kory Gladden; granddaughter whom she cherished, Kayla Nichelle Gladden; four sisters-in-law, Virginia Logan, Loraine Roberts, Loretta Gladden and Ruth Gladden; three nephews Gregory, Jeffrey and Kevin Logan and a host of other relatives and caring friends. She was preceded by her loving and departed husband the late Deacon Emeritus James Edward Gladden. Mrs. Gladden will lie in state at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 Alfred Street Alexandria, VA on Friday, September 15 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment at Cheltenham Veteran Cemetery on Thursday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m.

DEATH NOTICE

NORWOOD



ROBERT L. NORWOOD (Age 88)

Robert L. Norwood on August 24, 2023, husband of the late Veronica S. Norwood peacefully transitioned at his home in Upper Marlboro, MD. Robert leaves his daughters Valerie (Vonzell) and Angela Marie; grandsons, Aubrey and Anthony; great-grandson, Bryson and a host of relatives and friends. The viewing will be held at 10 a.m. and funeral services to follow at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 15 at St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925 East Capitol St., SE, Washington, DC. The interment will be held at Resurrection Cemetery.

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DEATH NOTICE

ADELMAN



NANCY ELIZABETH ADELMAN

Nancy Elizabeth Adelman of Silver Spring, MD passed away at home at the age of 79 on August 11, 2023. Nancy is survived by her sons Jonathan and Nicholas (Aliina), and by her granddaughters Lucy and Marigny. Nancy's husband of over 50 years, Cliff, passed away in 2018. A descendant of the Mayflower, Nancy was born on January 19, 1944 in Bangor, ME to Donald and Elizabeth (Barker) Kilpatrick. She graduated from Brookline High School in Brookline, MA (1961). Nancy received a BA in American Civilization from Brown University (1965), an M.A. and an Ed.D in Early Childhood Education from Teachers College at Columbia University (1969), and a second M.A. and Ed.D. in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College at Columbia University (1984). Nancy started her career as an elementary school teacher but spent most of her career working in educational policy research for elementary and high school systems. Prior to retirement she was a Senior Research Associate with SRI International. Nancy was a lover of books (especially mystery and thriller), games, birds, public radio, and all things Harry Potter.

An informal memorial will be held in the Ballroom Backroom at Glen Echo Park, Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GREENHOUSE

DR. CHARLES GREENHOUSE

Passed away on September 9, 2023. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Linda; his son David (Deborah) Greenhouse; daughter Audrey (Jon) Friedlander and daughter-in-law Robyn Greenhouse; his grandchildren Alyssa, Jordan (Katrina), Hannah (Christopher), Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Tyler, Joey, and Dylan. He is predeceased by his son Stephen Greenhouse.

Services are at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12 at Garden of Remembrance chapel in Clarksburg, MD. Donations in his memory can be made to the American Heart Association.

Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

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SHELTON

KIM CALDWELL SHELTON (Age 70)

On September 3, 2023, Kim Caldwell Shelton of Winchester, VA died at Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Center with his loving family by his side.

Kim was born February 26, 1953 in Covington, KY; son of the late Skeezix and Mary Elizabeth Shelton. He worked at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, VA, for 41 years, starting out as a security guard and ending his career as an RN. He was a member of SGNA. Kim considered Arlington Assembly of God his home church.

Kim married Frances Carolyn Shelton (née Pennington), October 18, 1980 at Arlington Assembly of God.

Along with his wife he is survived by his son, Luke Andrew Shelton (Lauren) of Richmond, VA; daughter, Rachel Christine Straub (Matthew) of Winchester; grandson, Kieran Shelton; brother, Bradley Shelton, and twin brother Kent Shelton.

A celebration of life will be held at Arlington Assembly of God, September 15, 2023 at 1 p.m. officiated by Pastor Lynn Carter following a private inurnment at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, VA.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Arlington Assembly of God, 4501 North Pershing Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

MOORE



RUSSELL THURSTON MOORE

Russ Moore, Emmy award winning former senior White House producer for NBC News, died after a long illness September 3 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, VA. He was 82.

Moore, who spent nearly 20 of his 40 years at NBC News on the White House beat, covered the administrations of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.

Working with correspondents such as Judy Woodruff, Andrea Mitchell and Chris Wallace, Moore traveled the United States and the world. He oversaw White House coverage of the shooting of Ronald Reagan, the Reagan-Gorbachev summits in Geneva and Iceland, Operation Desert Storm, the Monica Lewinsky scandal, the Clinton impeachment, the September 11 attacks, and the war in Iraq.

In 1961, Moore joined NBC News in Washington in as a motorcycle courier, racing film back from the White House and other sites to be processed in time for the evening news. Soon he was winning awards as a film and tape editor in Washington.

For a few years, Moore worked out of the NBC News Atlanta bureau as a field producer where he covered the Sadat-Begin peace negotiations in Egypt and Israel that led to the signing of the Camp David Accords with President Jimmy Carter.

While covering the war in El Salvador, he was badly injured when his jeep tumbled down a cliff. Moore went to Poland to cover the shipyard strikes under Lech Walesa. He also covered Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign.

In 1979, Moore moved back to Washington and later became the NBC News producer covering Walter Mondale's unsuccessful bid for president. Then he was named senior White House producer for NBC News.

"Russ always had this uncanny knack for knowing where the president might show up unexpectedly," said one of his NBC News colleagues. "He'd position a camera where no one else did, and NBC would get exclusive footage time and again."

Russell Thurston Moore was born to George Sidney Moore and Peggy Aurelia Thurston on August 11, 1941, in Detroit, MI. He grew up in Detroit, Charlottesville, VA, and Washington, DC.

In 1988, Moore married NBC News colleague Kristin Jessup, a writer-producer at the TODAY Show in Washington. Moore retired from NBC News in 2001.

Moore is survived by his devoted wife Kristin; daughter Donna Moore-Watson (Kenneth Watson) of Tampa, FL, and Hilo, HI; son Dale Russell Moore (Alexis Lewissohn) of West Palm Beach, FL, and daughter Mariah Alexandra Jessup Moore (Sascha Poeschl) of Berlin, Germany; as well as four grandchildren, Isabella and Charles Lewissohn-Moore, and Julian and Francis Moore Poeschl.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Committee to Protect Journalists, POB 2675, New York, NY 10108.

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MCCLAIN



BARBARA JEAN MCCLAIN (Age 100)

Barbara McClain, wife of the late Col. Wallis E. McClain Sr., was born on September 7, 1922, in Paducah, KY, and died on August 16, 2023, in Ft. Belvoir, VA. She grew up in Paducah, where she attended Tilghman High School and Paducah Junior College. She and Col. McClain were married in 1942. As an Army wife, she lived in several states and two foreign countries. She and Col. McClain moved to Fairfax, VA, in 1967. After raising her family of three sons, Mrs. McClain worked in retail at Hecht's Department Store and then as an assistant manager with Minnesota Fabrics. Her hobbies included sewing, knitting, and needlepoint. She is survived by her three sons, Wallis, Jr., David, and Donald and his wife Deb, and by grandsons William, Michael, and James; granddaughter Lauren; and great grandchildren William and James. She is also survived by her nieces Judith Lynette Binkley and Terris McClain, and nephews Barry, Tommie, and Rollie Brown. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Demaine Funeral Home, Springfield, VA. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on October 19, 2023 at the Old Post Chapel, Ft. Myer, VA, followed by burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

SWANN

DORIS MARIE SWANN

Entered into etenral rest on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. She is survived by her three nieces, Sharion Hart-Collins, Joan Montaque and Joy Shorter; four nephews, George L. Hart, Melvin Hart, Sr., Maurice Hart and Leonard Hart; a host of great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Mrs. Swann will lie in state at Asbury United Methodist Church, 926-11th St., NW on Wednesday, September 13 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

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TIEVSKY

ARLEEN TIEVSKY

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, ARLEEN TIEVSKY of Washington, DC. Beloved wife of the late Marvin Tievsky and dear friend of many. Graveside funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 1 p.m. at Ohev Sholom - The National Synagogue Cemetery, 3233 15th Place, SE, Washington, DC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

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ANN KILPATRICK WEBSTER

Ann Kilpatrick Webster, known from a very young age as Tuttie, was born in Washington, DC on April 11, 1930 to Howard Cecil Kilpatrick and Bessie Smith Kilpatrick, both from Alabama. Along with her brothers Cecil and Thom she grew up at Mackall Hill in Georgetown. She attended District of Columbia public schools and the Madeira School and graduated from Sweet Briar College. She married George Drury Webster in 1952. With him she restored the home and gardens at his family farm in Hawkins County, Tennessee. After working in an architect's office, Tuttie taught in the Montgomery County school system and then at the Potomac School. In addition to many years of Bible study classes she completed the Education For Ministry program. She was a Sunday School teacher for her children and then, in time, her grandchildren. A devoted gardener, in middle age she earned a Master Gardener degree from the University of the District of Columbia. A woman of strong Christian faith, she was a long-time parishioner and dedicated volunteer at All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, MD. Tuttie volunteered for many organizations and causes, including the Florence Crittenden Home, the Beauvoir School library, Friendship Terrace, and All Hallows Guild (the garden guild of the Washington National Cathedral). In a favorite volunteer assignment, Tuttie worked in the Ambulatory Surgery Center of Sibley Hospital for 12 years, ending her career at the age of 90 when the coronavirus pandemic began. She was a faithful friend to many, and treasured several lifelong friendships. Tuttie died at home on August 29, 2023 after a brief illness. Tuttie's husband George predeceased her in 1996. She is survived by her beloved sister in law, Ann Marie Kilpatrick Terry of Mobile, Alabama; by her three children: Aen Walker Webster, George Drury Webster III (Elizabeth Latta), and Hugh Kilpatrick Webster (K. deLancey Joyce); by eight grandchildren: Sarah Webster Ellis, deLancey (Webster) Lewis, Walker Smith Webster, Katherine Floyd-Jones Webster, George Kilpatrick Webster, Helen Sherman Webster, George Drury Webster IV, and Hugh Walker Webster; and by many other loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland on a date to be announced later.

NELSON

ELIZABETH LARRABEE NELSON

Age 97, died September 1, 2023 of Alzheimer's disease, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Springfield, VA.

Elizabeth was born on February 16, 1926 in Brooklyn, New York, to Carroll Burton and Kathryn White Larrabee. She had one sister, Donna Rigali who passed away at 95 in 2018. She grew up in Greenwich, CT, and became a star badmitton player.

She completed her degree B.A. in Political Science at Wilson College, Pennsylvania, where, in her last year, she met her future husband, Andrew Nelson, a career naval officer. They were married on January 21, 1950 in Coronado, CA and remained married until October 2007 when Andrew passed away.

The Navy introduced Elizabeth to travel, and she became an avid world traveler. In all she visited over one hundred countries, the North and South Pole and all seven continents.

Elizabeth earned an M.A. in Education from George Mason in 1972. She taught elementary school Sterling Elementary School in Loudoun County, VA, for 17 years.

Elizabeth is survived by her three children, Andrew, Lesley, and Jeffrey, daughter-in-law Eleanor, five grandchildren, Christopher, Dominic, Jennifer, Kate and David and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Ethan.

Elizabeth will be buried with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. There will be no services. If you would like to donate funds in memory of Elizabeth, please donate to Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA.

Jefferson Funeral Chapel

DEATH NOTICE

WALLER

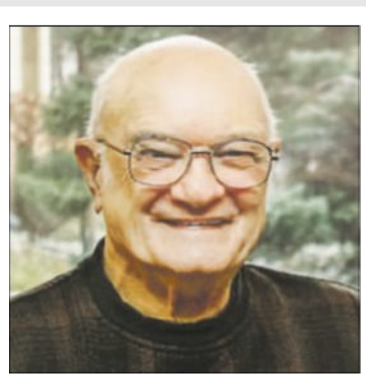


RUTH B. WALLER

Ruth B. Waller of Upper Marlboro, MD departed this life with family by her side on August 31, 2023. She is survived by her son Antonio D. Waller, Sr., grandson Antonio D. Waller, Jr., great-granddaughter Alaisha Jade Diggs and sisters Naomi Richburg and Sarah B. Carmon. Services will be held at Marshall March Funeral Home of Maryland, 4308 Suitland Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746 on Friday, September 15, 2023, viewing 10 a.m. following the service at 11 a.m. Interment Harmony Memorial Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICE

MARTIN



JAMES A. MARTIN JR.

December 23, 1929 - September 5, 2023

On September 5, 2023, Jim Martin died peacefully at his long-time home in Rockville with his wife and other family members at his side. A family man with seven children and nine grandchildren, Jim was a career nuclear physicist and an active member of his community.

A thoughtful man of few words, Jim had dozens of trademarked sayings demonstrating his wisdom and humor. First among these was "happy days," his all-purpose greeting emblematic of his life outlook.

At age 90, Jim published a book on graphical logarithms as well as a YouTube video on the International Date Line. In 1994, he obtained a patent on digestion of solid radioactive particles. Over the years, Jim contributed multiple letters to the editor published in the Washington Post.

Jim is survived by his wife Mary of 64 years and their children Eileen Rising (Greer), Joseph Martin (Christie), Thomas Martin (Allene), Andrew Martin, Teresa Wallace, Jeanne Lay (Stephen) and Marian Van Pelt (Derek) along with nine grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. He was beloved Uncle Jim to many nieces and nephews and their families.

A visitation will be held on September 15 between 4 and 7 pm at Pumphrey's Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. The funeral Mass will be on September 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville. Interment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Rockville.

Please view and sign the family guest book at:

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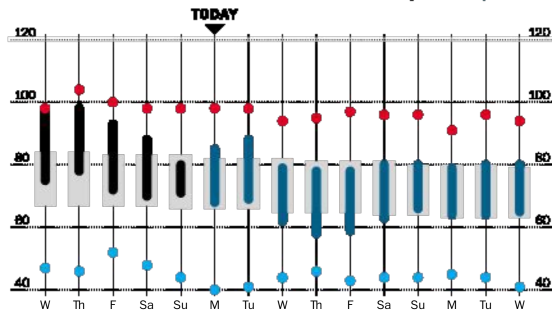
A sunnier start to the week

Partly sunny skies welcome the start of the workweek. We shouldn't see as many showers and storms as we did this weekend, but a few are still possible, especially during the afternoon into early evening. Temperatures are seasonable, with afternoon highs in the low to mid-80s. Shower chances diminish by late evening and overnight, giving way to partly cloudy skies and lows in the mid- to upper 60s.

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A stray t-storm	A p.m. t-storm	A t-storm; not as warm	Sunny and nice	Mostly sunny and nice	Abundant sunshine
85° 68°	88° 69°	79° 62°	78° 58°	78° 59°	80° 63°
FEELS*: **87°**	FEELS: **94°**	FEELS: **80°**	FEELS: **78°**	FEELS: **79°**	FEELS: **83°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **40%**	P: **45%**	P: **80%**	P: **5%**	P: **5%**	P: **5%**
WIND: **W 6–12 mph**	W: **SSE 6–12 mph**	W: **NW 6–12 mph**	W: **NNW 7–14 mph**	W: **NNE 8–16 mph**	W: **N 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Very High**	H: **Very High**	H: **High**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Moderate**

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Temperatures

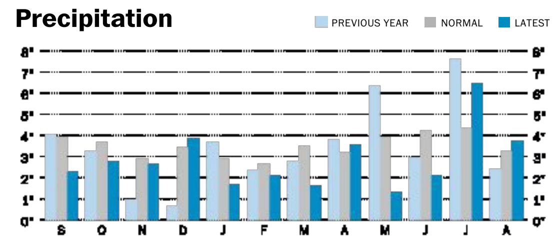


Statistics through 5 p.m. Sunday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**80°** 1:02 p.m.	**84°** 2:12 p.m.	**82°** 2:26 p.m.
Low	**71°** 4:09 a.m.	**67°** 6:11 a.m.	**69°** 3:00 a.m.
Normal	83°/66°	82°/60°	82°/61°
Record high	98° 1983	99° 1983	98° 1983
Record low	44° 1883	43° 1981	41° 1956

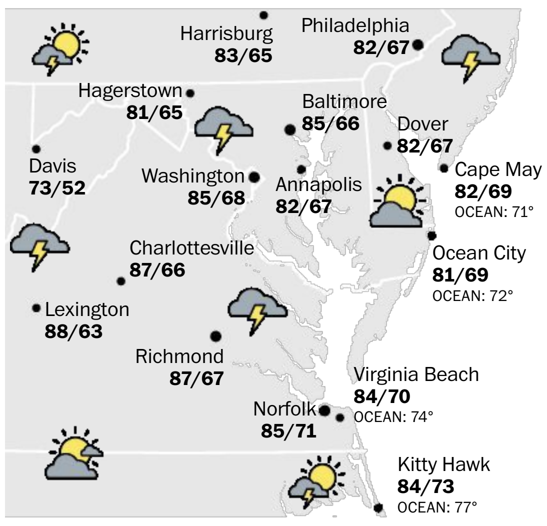
Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+5.6°** yr. to date: **+2.0°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.68"	0.32"	0.14"
Total this month	1.26"	1.24"	1.78"
Normal	1.28"	1.22"	1.39"
Total this year	23.75"	20.46"	26.68"
Normal	29.19"	30.44"	31.17"

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass Low
Trees Moderate
Weeds High
Mold High

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Low
2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, a stray afternoon thunderstorm. Cloudy to partly sunny; sunnier in southern parts. High 70 to 75. Winds west 4–8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy this evening, then becoming cloudy. Low 59 to 63. Winds southwest 6–12 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, humid, partly sunny. A couple of showers, a thunderstorm, mainly later in the north; a thunderstorm in the area in central parts. A stray afternoon thundershower in the south. High 80 to 85. Winds south-southeast 6–12 mph.

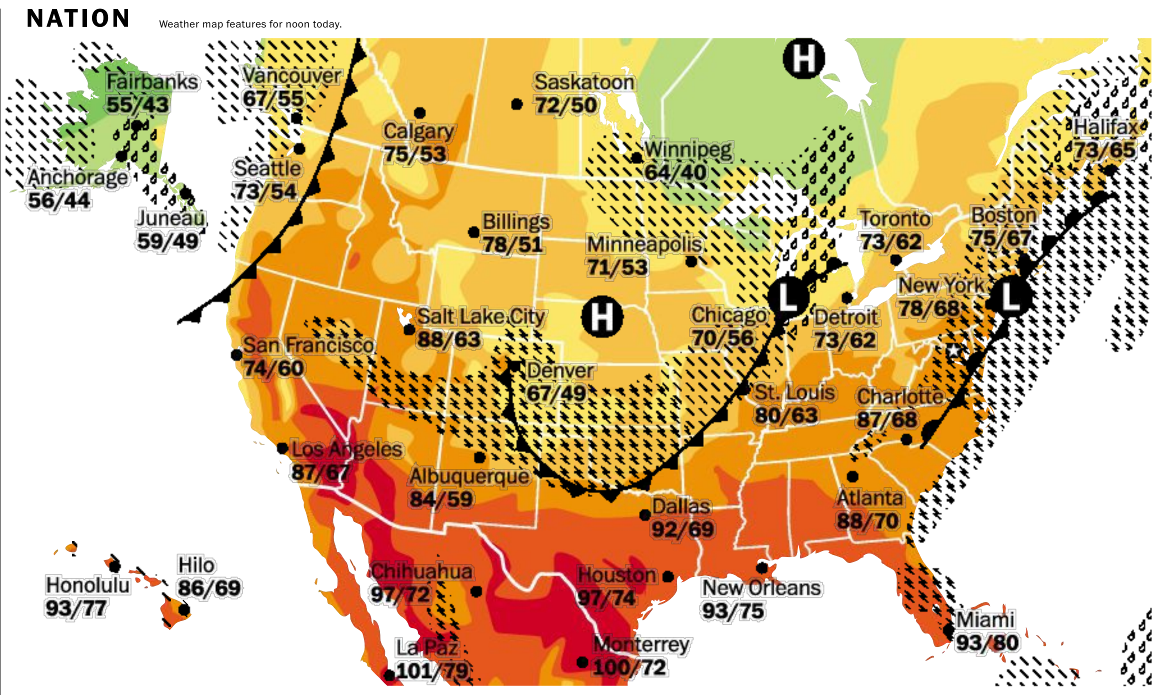
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly cloudy, a stray thunderstorm. Wind west 4–8 knots. Waves less than a foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny, a stray thunderstorm. Wind south 4–8 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.50 feet today, rising to 2.60 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	12:32 a.m.	**6:19 a.m.**	1:25 p.m.	**6:54 p.m.**
Annapolis	**3:54 a.m.**	10:14 a.m.	**3:28 p.m.**	9:33 p.m.
Ocean City	12:11 a.m.	**5:43 a.m.**	11:46 a.m.	**6:15 p.m.**
Norfolk	1:57 a.m.	**7:58 a.m.**	1:49 p.m.	**8:19 p.m.**
Point Lookout	6:32 a.m.	**11:42 a.m.**	5:39 p.m.	**none**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Phoenix, AZ **111°**
Low: Yellowstone N.P., WY **31°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Omidiyeh, Iran **119°**
Low: Mould Bay, Canada **12°**
excludes Antarctica

Moon Phases

Sep 14	Sep 22	Sep 29	Oct 6
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:45 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
Moon	3:10 a.m.	6:12 p.m.
Venus	4:03 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Mars	8:31 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Jupiter	9:47 p.m.	11:35 a.m.
Saturn	6:47 p.m.	5:32 a.m.

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	75/62/c	79/65/pc
Albuquerque	84/59/t	70/58/t
Anchorage	56/44/sh	56/46/r
Atlanta	88/70/s	89/69/s
Austin	97/72/pc	96/73/c
Baltimore	85/66/t	87/68/t
Billings, MT	78/51/s	82/56/pc
Birmingham	91/70/s	90/71/pc
Bismarck, ND	69/46/sh	71/50/s
Boise	91/61/pc	89/58/s
Boston	75/67/t	75/66/c
Buffalo	76/61/pc	72/56/t
Burlington, VT	71/60/c	75/65/c
Charleston, SC	89/72/t	87/71/t
Charleston, WV	79/60/c	79/61/t
Charlotte	87/68/pc	87/68/t
Cheyenne, WY	63/45/t	71/46/pc
Chicago	70/56/r	69/54/pc
Cincinnati	82/63/pc	75/56/sh
Cleveland	74/62/pc	68/57/sh
Dallas	92/69/t	84/70/c
Denver	67/49/t	76/52/c
Des Moines	73/52/sh	73/49/pc
Detroit	73/62/pc	68/51/sh
El Paso	98/70/pc	88/67/t
Fairbanks, AK	55/43/r	57/39/pc
Fargo, ND	68/47/s	68/47/s
Hartford, CT	77/65/t	82/66/pc
Honolulu	93/77/pc	92/79/sh
Houston	97/74/c	95/76/pc
Indianapolis	82/62/pc	72/53/sh
Jackson, MS	94/69/s	96/71/pc
Jacksonville, FL	91/72/t	89/71/t
Kansas City, MO	70/54/sh	76/54/pc
Las Vegas	95/77/pc	97/74/pc
Little Rock	90/71/pc	79/65/sh
Los Angeles	87/67/pc	85/66/s
Louisville	85/66/pc	76/61/sh
Memphis	89/70/c	77/66/c
Miami	93/80/t	92/80/t
Milwaukee	66/57/r	66/53/pc
Minneapolis	71/53/pc	67/48/pc
Nashville	87/67/pc	78/64/sh
New Orleans	93/75/s	91/76/t
New York City	78/68/t	82/68/pc
Norfolk	85/71/pc	85/72/s
Oklahoma City	73/64/t	75/61/t
Omaha	74/50/sh	75/52/pc
Orlando	93/76/t	91/75/t
Philadelphia	82/67/t	86/69/t
Phoenix	105/84/pc	102/80/t
Pittsburgh	77/60/pc	75/59/t
Portland, ME	73/64/t	72/63/c
Portland, OR	76/58/pc	76/61/pc
Providence, RI	77/66/t	78/65/pc
Raleigh, NC	90/68/pc	91/68/s
Reno, NV	86/55/s	86/56/pc
Richmond	87/67/pc	88/67/t
Sacramento	93/59/s	84/56/s
St. Louis	80/63/c	75/56/c
St. Thomas, VI	92/81/sh	93/82/sh
Salt Lake City	88/63/s	81/62/c
San Diego	79/69/pc	76/68/pc
San Francisco	74/60/pc	70/57/pc
San Juan, PR	92/82/t	94/83/t
Seattle	73/54/pc	69/57/c
Spokane, WA	79/56/c	74/55/pc
Syracuse	77/58/c	77/61/pc
Tampa	93/78/t	94/79/t
Wichita	71/59/t	80/56/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	70/58/sh	69/58/sh
Amsterdam	79/62/pc	75/59/c
Athens	81/68/s	84/64/s
Auckland	63/49/r	61/48/r
Baghdad	107/80/pc	109/79/pc
Bangkok	91/82/t	91/81/t
Beijing	87/62/pc	84/59/pc
Berlin	87/58/pc	86/63/pc
Bogota	71/51/r	72/52/pc
Brussels	82/63/pc	74/60/t
Buenos Aires	66/53/t	63/51/c
Cairo	97/83/pc	88/78/pc
Caracas	82/66/t	83/64/t
Copenhagen	71/62/c	71/58/c
Dakar	90/76/t	91/79/t
Dublin	63/50/sh	62/43/c
Edinburgh	67/47/c	62/46/pc
Frankfurt	88/63/pc	85/63/t
Geneva	88/61/pc	83/62/sh
Ham., Bermuda	88/78/s	87/78/pc
Helsinki	72/56/c	72/59/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	89/78/t	89/77/t
Hong Kong	84/80/r	88/80/sh
Islamabad	95/79/s	97/78/s
Istanbul	80/66/pc	81/64/s
Jerusalem	89/73/s	88/68/s
Johannesburg	86/37/s	65/38/pc
Kabul	94/60/s	93/63/s
Kingston, Jam.	96/84/t	96/84/t
Kolkata	94/82/t	92/82/sh
Kyiv	74/54/pc	80/55/pc
Lagos	88/77/t	87/77/r
Lima	73/67/pc	73/66/pc
Lisbon	77/62/pc	79/63/pc
London	79/61/pc	71/57/sh
Madrid	80/60/c	81/60/s
Manila	92/80/t	90/80/r
Mexico City	78/57/c	80/58/c
Montreal	75/58/pc	73/62/c
Moscow	67/49/pc	68/49/c
Mumbai	90/81/t	92/81/pc
Nairobi	79/59/t	82/60/t
New Delhi	88/78/t	91/80/t
Oslo	67/60/sh	70/47/r
Ottawa	77/56/pc	71/58/sh
Paris	85/63/t	71/60/t
Prague	85/59/pc	85/62/pc
Rio de Janeiro	83/71/s	84/72/s
Riyadh	113/87/pc	112/86/s
Rome	85/60/s	84/64/pc
San Salvador	90/71/t	91/72/t
Santiago	66/44/sh	62/38/pc
Sarajevo	88/52/s	90/53/s
Seoul	89/68/s	88/70/pc
Shanghai	92/76/c	90/75/c
Singapore	89/81/r	91/81/s
Stockholm	70/58/c	70/54/sh
Sydney	67/51/s	70/54/pc
Taipei City	96/74/s	96/76/pc
Tehran	92/72/s	93/72/s
Tokyo	87/77/pc	88/76/pc
Toronto	73/62/pc	70/52/sh
Vienna	87/59/s	86/61/c
Warsaw	84/59/pc	84/59/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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When a 'mirror world' demands a closer look

Naomi Klein, who gets confused for conspiracy theorist Naomi Wolf, uses her new book to inspect 'forms of doubling'

BY LAURA WAGNER

For a time, Naomi Klein mostly ignored Naomi Wolf. ¶ The two Naomis — both White Jewish women born at the height of second-wave feminism, who published big-idea bestsellers in the '90s and share a skepticism of elite power — have been confused for one another for years. It was a low-stakes annoyance. But Klein's calculus changed when the pandemic hit. ¶ As Klein's world shrank, Wolf's cracked open. Once a rising-star feminist thinker, Wolf found a whole new career as a coronavirus conspiracy theorist, touting ideas such as that "vaccinated people's urine/feces" could contaminate drinking water for unvaccinated people. Klein, a reliably left-wing thought leader and activist, found herself obsessively tracking Wolf's every word, fascinated by her extreme pivot — and horrified that she was being mistakenly associated with it. ¶ Now, Klein's observations and analysis of Wolf's "mirror world" are the animating force for her new book, scheduled for release Tuesday. Its title: "Doppelganger."

SEE KLEIN ON C3

How Peter Do's Helmut Lang debut stole the show at NYFW

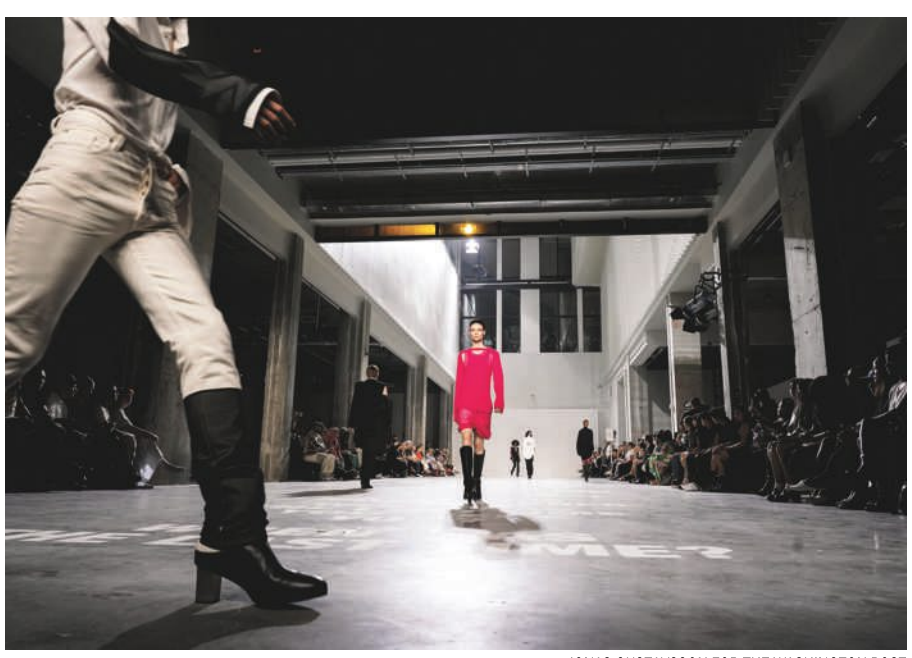
BY RACHEL TASHJIAN

NEW YORK — A sense of blind superiority is one of the great American qualities. We believe we are the best and deserve the best, and in New York, where it is very difficult and laughably expensive to get the best, the hubris breeds a hustler mentality.

This is on glorious display during New York Fashion Week, which began officially Friday but was in full swing by Tuesday afternoon, with shows by designers who opted to stage events outside of the confines of the official calendar overseen by the organizers at the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) — young or independent designers for whom things came together at the last minute.

Most of what makes New York fashion interesting right now is coming from people under 35, living in Bushwick and Queens and good old Dimes Square, with that hustler mind-set. Naked dressing, gender-fluid style, low-slung pants and vintage mania are all shoestring budget ideas with a direct line to the culture wars and identity politics.

Industry insiders groan that there aren't enough jazzy names on the calendar — Ralph Lauren and Peter Do's debut at Helmut Lang were the marquee events, and both happened Friday — but it's also the case that interesting stuff is happening elsewhere. (The calendar placement is important, because it helps a designer get sponsorship opportunities and ensures the press knows your show is happening.)



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Helmut Lang by Peter Do during New York Fashion Week. Do's collection was a mix of suits with seat-belt sashes, bubble shapes with couture-y tails and lots of denim. The 32-year-old designer used a juicy hot pink, yellow and more.

Rachel Comey's Tuesday show, staged in a NoHo alley, was a collaboration with performance artist Joan Jonas, who has a retrospective coming to the Museum of Modern Art in March.

Comey, who also collaborated with the New York Review of Books earlier this year, has carefully carved out her place as the thinking woman's thinking woman. (She spent the evening after her show cavorting on Instagram with Cindy Sherman and author Alex Auder, daughter of Warhol muse Viva.)

Her gray sweater dress with a roped neckline that appears to wink at grandma's pearls, or a backward denim jacket with a purplish denim skirt are clothes that make you look intelligent. That's rare and cool.

Also on the docket was Batsheva Hay, who has graduated from her role as the dorky it-girl's Prairie Home Companion to make wackadoo dresses inspired by 1950s couture. Her models — "Bottoms" director Emma Seligman, author and International Best Dressed List poobah Amy Fine Collins — swanned around a sushi bar in Hudson Yards as the designer described the dresses. Writer Lynn Yaeger heckled from the back: "Oh, that's *really* commercial!"

Hay decided to show a few weeks ago and forgo the industry route. "Like a lot of people, I thought: 'I'm not doing Fashion Week. I'm going to kind of veer from this whole system,'" said the designer, who was a 2021 finalist for the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund.

"The whole system, I feel, has let everyone down," she said. "I don't want to feel in any competition with anyone."

Terrence Zhou's Bad Binch TongTong — you might have seen his stuff on Jennifer Coolidge on the March cover of W — was also a last-minute affair, he said after a ridiculous and touching performance of dancers slung with huge

SEE FASHION WEEK ON C2

BOOK WORLD

Girl groups of the 1960s have some stories to tell

BY SIBBIE O'SULLIVAN

It was November 1960, and my seventh-grade mind was wrapped around the Shirelles' monumental hit, "Will You Love Me Tomorrow." The song's lyrical precision penetrated my teenage-girl psyche with its longing for love — and respect. The lyrics were so fraught with social implications, especially those suggesting possible teen pregnancy, that some radio stations banned the song. But noted music historian Greil Marcus loved it so much that he once played it "eight hours straight," which in my book makes him an honorary teenage girl.



BUT WILL YOU LOVE ME TOMORROW? An Oral History of the '60s Girl Groups
By Laura Flam and Emily Sieu Liebowitz
Hachette.
432 pp. $31

Laura Flam and Emily Sieu Liebowitz's "But Will You Love Me Tomorrow?" an oral history of 1960s girl groups, presents a musical world that today's teenagers might find incomprehensible — a time without music streaming, when sharing a song with friends meant gathering around a record player or going to a concert together. But boomers will smilingly recognize and probably long for it. It was a world in

SEE BOOK WORLD ON C5

Small-town drama is the pinnacle of comfort soaps

BY JADA YUAN

This article reveals some key plot details in Seasons 1 through 5 of Netflix's "Virgin River."

For over a year, fans of "Virgin River" have taken to the series' subreddit, predicting how the multiple cliffhangers that ended Season 4 might be wrapped up in Season 5, and lamenting about how Netflix keeps pushing the premiere date back. Their agony finally — finally! — ended in the wee hours of Thursday.

"Virgin River," for the uninitiated, is one of those small-town, fish-out-of-water comedy-dramas that network TV once did so well and now seems to have abandoned entirely. In the opening moments of the pilot, which aired in December 2019, a pretty redhead (Alexandra Breckenridge) drives her red BMW into a ditch on a desolate mountain road, only to be rescued by a gruff older man (Tim Matheson) who happens to be passing by in a truck. She's Mel Monroe, she tells him, a nurse practitioner who's left Los Angeles to take a job in a remote Northern California town to aide Vernon Mullins, a doctor who she's been told is in his 70s and unable to run the practice on his own. This is news to the older gentleman, who, you guessed it, is Mullins, better known as Doc.

Things don't go too well from there. The cabin she's living in looks like raccoons tore through it, and Doc is ready to fire her the moment she shows up to work the next

SEE 'VIRGIN RIVER' ON C3



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The most anticipated show of NYFW: Do's debut at Helmut Lang



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Designer Peter Do, above, walks the runway as he closes his debut with Helmut Lang during New York Fashion Week. When reporter Rachel Tashjian met with Do a few days before his show, he said that he wanted to make something really New York.

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boas shaped like abstracted lobster claws or giraffe heads.

His pieces aren't polished, but they say something. They remind you that, 1. Fashion is funny. Fashion is camp! It's okay to laugh! And, 2. It's also what Zhou called "a release." For many people, fashion is a refuge from an antagonistic world.

A young designer who has taken the expected route is 32-year-old Peter Do, whose debut at Helmut Lang was the most anticipated show of the week.

A lot of people see Do as a great hope: a real designer who worked for Phoebe Philo and knows how to tailor and wears a mask all the time. (Very Martin Margiela mystique.) Other designers love him, too. Christopher John Rogers, Eli Russell Linnetz and Thakoon Panichgul were all in the front row.

When I met with Do a few days before his show, he told me that he wanted to make something really New York. I had passed a woman on the way into his downtown studio wearing a tank top (no bra) tucked into big Margiela pants with flip-flops, a cigarette in one hand and an Hermès Picotin in the other. (That mix of laziness, luxury and a bit of degradation is what feels like New York to me.)

And there's great potential with Helmut Lang, whose eponymous founder ruled the 1990s and early 2000s with his erotic minimalism and introduced a new language of queer style. He retired in 2005, and the brand has been in something like the fashion equivalent of development hell since then.

A lot of people will hem and haw over how dutifully Do is reinterpreting the codes of Helmut Lang. (Blah!) That sort of talk in fashion is too overrated, I think; young designers should just do their thing. What is interesting in the Lang lingua franca is that sense of comfort and cool pride in your body, whatever it looks like. That's very contemporary.

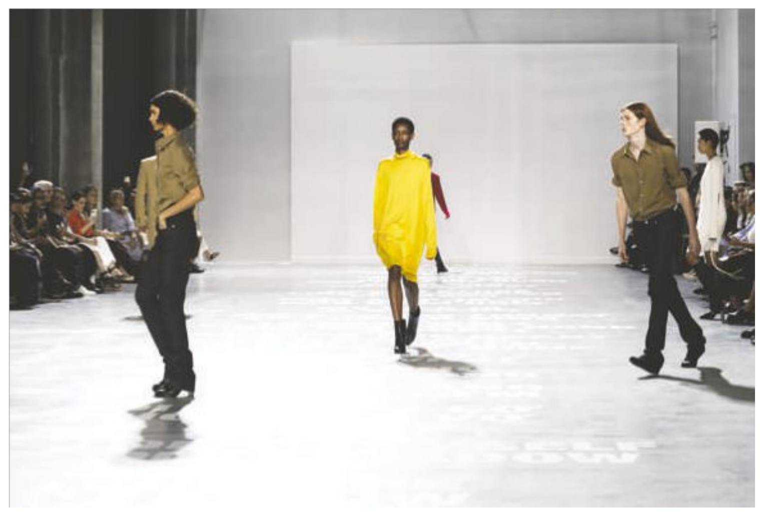
Do's collection was a mix of suits with seat-belt sashes, bubble shapes with couture-y tails and lots of denim. Do had poet Ocean Vuong, a friend, write prose that appeared on the runway and across tank tops and shirting. (It was a nice update to Lang's collaborations with artist Jenny Holzer.) He used a juicy hot pink (another Langism, but it will read like funky Barbiecore to most people), and there was a pair of white trousers paneled with that pink and yellow that everybody online will want. You'll be able to get a whole suit for less than $1,000; designer fashion at that price is a rarity.

The best looks — the ones you could picture stylish people of Do's generation wearing on the street — were the ones that looked rawer and even less refined, but still precise. A model in a tank top and leather pants and high-heeled boots, and a model with long red hair wearing a brown button-up with rolled-up sleeves and very stiff jeans.

Ultimately, the question is whether minimalism has become so corporate and so anodyne — the look of Everlane, WeWork, and cheap and trendy furniture — that it's impossible to make it feel gristly and genuinely weird.

Many more people will be interested in what Do is churning out than, say, the inflatable tentacles of Bad Binch TongTong. But, when we're all headed back to the office but still wanting to dress for our sofa, Do could say even more with very little. You can do a lot of corrupting with just a tank top and a low-slung pair of black pants.





Anjimile's album 'The King' harnesses the full fury of his rediscovered voice

BY JEFF GAGE

Before Anjimile Chithambo began recording his new album, "The King," in the fall of 2021, he needed to rediscover his singing voice. Ever since he'd begun testosterone treatment four years prior, the voice he knew so well — the one he had mastered through years of school choir in Texas — had disappeared. His upper register deserted him, replaced by a cavernous bottom end.

"It was very unnerving, at best, to just suddenly have very little control over the notes that were coming out of my mouth," says the 30-year-old indie folk singer, who performs under the mononym Anjimile, as he relaxes on a cafe patio in Brooklyn during a recent visit to New York. Coming out as transgender was part of a lifesaving process, but it meant radically altering who he was as an artist. "My confidence was very low," he admits.

On "The King," his sophomore LP, which came out Friday and has gathered praise from the mainstream and indie press, Anjimile's voice is the pivot point upon which all else turns — a dexterous, marvelous instrument, one capable of strange depths and eerie highs that reach to the spirit world and beyond. The way his falsetto cracks and crumbles is at times incandescent, at others raw and blistering, with songs such as "Anybody" vibrating at an ominous frequency." Over the course of the album's 10 tracks, he erects a dizzying soundscape with little more than that voice and an acoustic guitar, twisted and transfigured into unsettling shapes.

Through a careful regimen of YouTube tutorials and vocal exercises, Anjimile learned the limits of what he could now do. "I have new tricks that I couldn't do before," he says. "I have a new range, and I have a greater understanding of how to access that range in a way that feels good to me." While his voice had dropped before his debut, 2020's "Giver Taker," it only became his again during the creation of "The King."

With the full fury of Anjimile's new voice harnessed, "The King" hurtles headlong into dark territory, bleeding with wounds opened and reopened over the past few years — by life in the pandemic, Black Lives Matter protests or the right-wing campaign to restrict trans rights. Little surprise that one of the most halting songs, "Animals," was written after the murder of George Floyd, which Anjimile says prompted "pure, unadulterated rage."

"It was horrible. The footage is horrible," he says. "I found the commentary to be horrible, and I found the spectacle to be repulsive." As he speaks, Anjimile swivels his head in thought, rubbing his neck or the patch of hair sprouting on his chin. "So yeah, there was a lot of disgust, anger. And also, I was just scared."

"Animals" was one of three songs written in as many days, together with "Genesis" and "The Right." Through them, the anger gives way to grief, and then to fear. "It was a new artistic experience to be expressing anger through songs. It wasn't something I had done before, or felt comfortable doing," Anjimile says. Learning to do so, however, felt "empowering."

The title track, which opens the album, channels that anger in a subtler, but no less affective, manner. It was the first song Anjimile recorded after he and his producer, Shawn Everett, convened in Los Angeles. "The King" builds a uniquely haunting, elliptical pattern, a swirl of cooing voices and skittering percussion (a studio trick, in fact, created with acoustic guitar) that became the blueprint for the album. "It felt like the most powerful musical statement to me," he says.



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Anjimile confronts the pandemic, social injustice and his life as a transgender man in "The King."

It's impossible not to relate "The King" to the turmoil of the moment it was born from, or from the realities of its creator living in the current world — as a Black man, or as a queer or transgender person. But Anjimile, who lives in North Carolina, says his work comes from a personal place first. "It's got some big feeling that needs to come out," he insists. "At the same time, I do feel like it's important for any artist to sing or speak on social justice and social injustice."

Another trio of songs — "Mother," "Anybody," and "Father" — address the difficulty of coming out as transgender to his family. "Father," which is told from his mother's perspective, was the first song written for the album, while Anjimile worked at an LGBTQ summer camp in 2019. Having grown up in the Presbyterian church, one of four children of Malawian immigrants, Anjimile found the news drove an irrevocable wedge between him and his mother. The two are still not on speaking terms, three years later.

"I think a lot of this music is a way for me to come to terms with her transphobia, because I have no interest in attempting to change her belief system in any way," Anjimile says. "I also don't have the energy. So it's just me accepting her, which for me means not having her be a part of my life."

Getting to the point of speaking those personal truths meant walking a years-long path to self-acceptance. Before his transition, Anjimile struggled with severe alcoholism starting from the age of 16 ("It was, like, a full-time gig," he says), finally entering a rehab center in Florida seven years later in 2016. During the recovery process, he faced crippling feelings of guilt and shame over his addiction. He recalls reading one particular piece of literature shortly after entering the clinic.

"It was like, 'Everybody is deserving of love, and everybody is deserving of peace and happiness,'" he says. "And I started crying. Because I didn't believe that to be true of myself."

That journey of recovery is embedded in the DNA of "The King," often in conversation with Anjimile's attempts to grapple with what has taken place in the wider world. "Genesis," for instance, is a plea wrought from the public annihilation of Black lives. It's also an expression of the power to be found in feeling one's pain, rather than hiding from it.

"I'm allowed to fall apart when I feel bad — about anything," Anjimile says. "I'm allowed to feel overwhelmed. It look me a long time to learn that it's okay to not be okay sometimes."

Fox News fires veteran executive John Finley for violating company standards

BY JEREMY BARR

Fox News has fired veteran executive John Finley after determining that he violated the company's conduct standards.

Finley, who helped develop many of the network's biggest shows and had once been Sean Hannity's executive producer, was put on leave from his role as executive vice president of development in recent weeks while an investigation was conducted by an outside law firm. He was fired by the network Friday based on the firm's findings.

"Fox News Media and John Finley have parted ways after an independent investigation concluded that he had violated certain standards of business conduct," a Fox News spokesperson said in a statement.

The company did not say what Finley had done. A person who said they have knowledge of the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter suggested that the executive used his position to benefit someone over whom he had influence.

Finley did not respond to several messages Friday evening.

In 2011, the network's human resources department conducted an investigation into Finley after an employee accused him of improper conduct. Despite finding that he had been a part of an email chain that company officials deemed problematic, the network's internal investigation ultimately cleared him, and the female producer who made the allegations left the network.

Finley spent more than 20 years at the network, where he most recently oversaw show development and played a significant role in the operation of the streaming service Fox Nation. In addition to Hannity's show, Finley helped develop "The Five," which is now Fox's most-watched program, as well as the talk show "Outnumbered" and "Life, Liberty & Levin," hosted by conservative firebrand Mark Levin.

In a 2019 news release announcing his most recent promotion, Fox News chief executive Suzanne Scott praised Finley for having "played a fundamental part in the development of some of our most successful and signature programs" and called him an "asset to the network."

Two years later, the network assigned a different executive, Jason Klarman, to oversee Fox Nation, though Finley continued developing programming for the service.

In Naomi Klein's book 'Doppelganger,' Naomi Wolf is more than a gimmick

KLEIN FROM **C1**

It's an undeniably clever hook. Klein's decision to confront, at least on the page, the "other Naomi" — the former Al Gore consultant whose reinvention as a right-wing truth-teller made her a pariah in the circles where she once thrived — has generated much advance buzz: a Vanity Fair excerpt, a long New York Times profile, high-profile reviews and podcast interviews. The media world is unable to resist the juicy Naomi-Naomi dynamic. Klein seems at peace with this.

"I knew that people were going to misrepresent the book as being about her," Klein said in a late August interview over Zoom, when it's really "using her as a case study, using her as a literary tool to get at these other forms of doubling."

Klein applies "doppelganger culture" to an array of topics: the digital selves people create on social media, the frictionless growth of the surveillance state, racial stereotypes, the history of antisemitism and the latent fascist potential that lurks within liberal democracies.

But the decision to make Wolf a central character is more than a gimmick to attract readers wondering: What happened to Naomi Wolf? It's also a way for Klein to address, head-on, the opposite impulse — the eagerness to look away from the Naomi Wolfs of the world, which Klein sees as a major failing of mainstream liberal discourse. If you can see Wolf only as a red-pilled tragedy or desperate grifter, Klein thinks, you miss what's actually going on.

"There's a certain arrogance to this idea that you hear in some kinds of liberal circles of, like, 'We don't want to give them attention,' which assumes that we are the gatekeepers of attention," Klein said, noting that Wolf's conservative fan base exploded *after* she was kicked off Twitter in 2021 for spreading vaccine myths. "It is important to give it serious attention, not mocking attention, … because it is a major political and cultural force."

The 1990s were big for the Naomis — first Wolf, whose 1991 "The Beauty Myth" opened a new generation's eyes to the impossible standards women are pressured to uphold; then Klein, whose 1999 "No Logo" reinvigorated anti-capitalist critique in popular culture. Decades later, Klein remains a coveted speaker at climate summits and Democratic Socialists of America events. Wolf, meanwhile, has become a regular on Stephen K. Bannon's podcast, all but unrecognizable to her early fans.



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SEBASTIAN NEVOLS/MACMILLAN

Naomi Wolf, above in 2012, and Naomi Klein, at right, both published big-idea bestsellers and share a skepticism of elite power. The two have long been confused for one another, a previously low-stakes annoyance for Klein. However, Wolf has found a new career as a conspiracy theorist, and Klein, a reliably left-wing thought leader, became horrified that she was being associated with this thinking. This confusion launched her exploration of a "mirror world" for her new book, "Doppelganger," below.

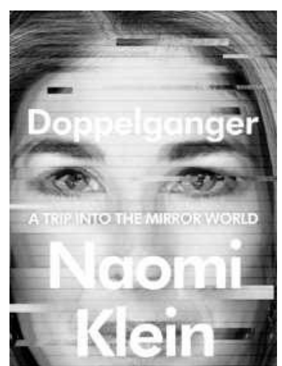
In "Doppelganger," Klein traces the evolution of Wolf's coronavirus theories, which reached a fever pitch with the idea that vaccine verification apps would enable a "tyrannical" state to spy on your every word and deed, ushering in a "social credit score system" straight out of communist China. Wolf laid out this theory is a video called, "Why vaccine passports equal slavery forever."

Klein patiently dismantles Wolf's argument. Then she attempts to build a bridge. She explains that Wolf's outlandish claims are born out of a legitimate fear, shared by many on the left, of being "at the mercy of omnipresent technology."

"Like my doppelganger projecting all of our surveillance fears on a vaccine app, conspiracy theorists get the facts wrong but often get the feelings right," Klein writes. It's purely sensible, she argues, to feel as if the system is rigged, to feel preyed upon.

"The word for the system driving those feelings starts with c," she adds, "but if no one ever taught you how capitalism works, and instead told you it was all about freedom and sunshine and Big Macs and playing by the rules to get the life you deserve, then it's easy to see how you might confuse it with another c-word: conspiracy."

Klein argues that when liberals cede discussion of privacy and mass surveillance, the right seizes ground. The Biden administration's failure to rein in Big Tech and create a secure information commons, she said, is "what makes the terrain really fertile to co-optation by the Steve Bannons and Naomi Wolfs of the world."



Her critique of liberal complacency extends to media and culture. During her interview with The Washington Post, Klein brought up Oliver Anthony's song "Rich Men North of Richmond," a viral country song embraced by conservative pundits and far-right influencers — and what she described as NPR's pearl-clutching coverage of the phenomenon.

"The gist of the news story was like: 'What are we going to do about the song? The song is very popular. What are we to do?'" Klein said. "My response is like, 'Write songs that also resonate.' It's fine to have a critique, but to turn it into this crisis, … it's so spectacularly self-defeating."

"Doppelganger" is winding, even weird — though, as critic Jacob Bacharach observed, maybe not quite weird enough. ("Was Naomi Klein in the end unable to escape from writing a Naomi Klein book?" he asks, noting that it only grazes the surface of destabilizing notions such as the porosity of the self and the nature of truth.) The New Republic and the Progressive gave it raves. In the New York Times, liberal opinion columnist Michelle Goldberg wrote that she "can't think of another text that better captures the berserk period we're living through."

Klein told The Post that she started writing the book in secret, as a way to orient herself amid "the discombobulation of the moment."

"I had lost faith in a certain kind of political writing that I've engaged in my whole life, which was thesis, argument, fact, example," she said. After publishing books such as "The Shock Doctrine," which challenges the notion that the free market triumphed democratically across the globe, and "This Changes Everything," an argument for seizing our existential climate crisis to remake political and economic systems, she "couldn't just write another sort of rallying book about, 'We really, really, really have to do something about climate change.'"

Like many on the left in the post-2016 Bernie Sanders era, Klein is in a period of introspection. She wants her colleagues on the left to reconsider how they approach conflict (too often obsessing over differences instead of shared goals), language (too complex and jargony) and "unstrategic" identity politics (an impediment to building class solidarity), lest the would-be comrades "we kick to the curb" flee into the arms of Bannon and his ilk.

Admittedly, her book gets a little hand-wavy here; it's the only argument in "Doppelganger" not bolstered by specifics. Who or what exactly was she referring to? Klein declined to "name names," focusing on what she saw as the big picture.

"When I look at Bannon and others on the MAGA right," Klein said, "some of what they're doing is overperforming a kind of inclusiveness and openness to debate, because they realize that their political opponents have become very closed to debate and very quick to pass a judgment that somebody is just beyond being worthy of any kind of discussion."

Klein tried to speak with Wolf for the book. She details how she repeatedly emailed, reaching out through her publisher and a mutual friend, promising a respectful debate. She never heard back, at least before her book went to print.

(The Post tried as well. "I am on book deadline so don't have time to comment, sorry," Wolf responded in an email in early September.)

And since then? Now that Klein is out touring the country with "Doppelganger" and the untangling of their parallel personae has become a sort of cultural event, a new political framework — has she heard from Wolf at all?

Klein said the two have had "no direct communication."

Indirect communication?

"No direct communication," she repeated.

Why Season 5 of Netflix's 'Virgin River' is a cheesy, soapy, binge-able delight

'VIRGIN RIVER' FROM **C1**

day. The one bright spot comes when she heads to the local bar and meets its dreamy mountain-man owner, Jack Sheridan (Martin Henderson, the dashing New Zealander who also played Nathan Riggs on three seasons of "Grey's Anatomy"). You know where this is going. By the end of Season 4, Jack proposes to a pregnant Mel, even before finding out, to their relief, that the baby she's carrying is his and not from the embryos she made with her dead husband, which Mel implanted when she and Jack briefly broke up.

One of the many cliffhangers begins when Jack and Mel rush out of dinner (with a woman who, unbeknownst to them, is a drug lord with a grudge against Jack) after getting an emergency phone call from Jack's ex-girlfriend Charmaine (Lauren Hammersley), who's pregnant with his twins. Writhing on the floor, she blurts out that she's been lying for months and the twins aren't Jack's after all. Gasp! What does scary drug lord lady have in store for Jack, who's already been shot once, and Mel, who was once kidnapped by illegal pot growers? Who is the father of Charmaine's babies? And will Charmaine, who's defied the laws of time and nature and been pregnant since Season 1, finally give birth? Stay tuned!

For some, the breakneck pace and cavalcade of characters can be completely stressful. "How do people not get burned out watching this?" asked my dad, who bravely joined me during my re-watch. "It's like they stuck 10 writers in a room and made them all come up with a different crisis." But for me and other suckers for love stories; gorgeous Pacific Northwest scenery (Virgin River is a fictional town, but the show is shot outside Vancouver); and ill-timed arguments during big events like the Lumberjack Games, "Virgin River" is the ne plus ultra of a relatively new, streaming-era genre I've started to think of as "comfort soaps."

Comfort soaps include but are not limited to other (mostly Netflix) gems with strong female leads like "Ginny & Georgia," "Firefly Lane," and "Sweet Magnolias," and Prime Video's "The Summer I Turned Pretty." (Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos is the founder of Amazon, which owns Prime Video.*)* Almost all are based on popular novels ("Virgin River" is from a 22-book series by Robyn Carr) and center on a heroine or heroines forced to start over. They can be religious, middle-aged sexy, action-packed, but in a way, they're coming-of-age stories for adults, playing with the idea that no matter what life has handed to you — infidelity, death, miscarriages, sexual abuse — there's always more to learn, always a second chance for happiness.

Just as Netflix stepped up when studios stopped making rom-coms, the company has also filled the void of low-budget family dramas that ABC and the CW no longer make. Packing these shows with movie stars like "Big Little Lies" would ruin their coziness, and be impossible; no way Nicole Kidman is getting near them. The writing can make for a delicious hate watch. (Fans joke on Reddit that we should all take a shot every time someone on "Virgin River" blurts out a secret and then gasps, "Oh, I thought you knew!") Critics and awards shows have largely ignored them, but audiences haven't — although it's impossible to tell, since Netflix doesn't release viewership numbers, which is one of the reasons the company is a target of both the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes.

Certainly, the streaming service saw enough interest that it fast-tracked the production of five seasons in four years. Since Netflix started releasing weekly Top 10 lists in late June 2021, "Virgin River" consistently hits No. 1 in the first or second week it releases, and stays in the Top 10 for six weeks.

"I think I like it because it's relaxing, the characters and story are really good, it doesn't take much thought to watch, and it's still enjoyable," says Tiffany Kuperschmidt, 30, who has a steady stream of comfort soaps and reality shows she tunes into as an escape from her work life as a child abuse and neglect lawyer in New Jersey. "I'm not sure about the longevity of some of these shows," she goes on. "I don't think they're as magnificently acted or well-produced as some classic shows like 'Friday Night Lights' or 'The West Wing,' but I'm okay with that. I'd rather have more TV than only really good shows that are award-worthy."

In pre-streaming days, "Virgin River" would be known as a "prime-time soap" in the vein of "Grey's Anatomy," "Revenge," "Scandal," "Desperate Housewives" and, yes, even "Friday Night Lights." Lots of romance, plenty of overwrought drama, a largely female viewership. Shonda Rhimes owned the genre, and the last of its kind, "This Is Us" and "A Million Little Things," died off in 2022 and 2023, respectively, though "Grey's" will probably continue on until climate change melts all our televisions. Formally, though, it has more in common with wholesome, small-town fare like "Northern Exposure," "Gilmore Girls" and "Hart of Dixie," if you swapped out the quirk and humor for more plotlines involving murder, kidnapping and PTSD from the war in Afghanistan. The setting and great cinematography also give shades of "Twilight," but instead of teenage vampires, it's middle-aged county bureaucrats and baby mamas doing the blood sucking.

The show's heritage is obvious; just look at the cast. Henderson came from "Grey's"; Breckenridge was Sophie on "This Is Us"; and the wonderful Matheson (who will forever be Otter from "Animal House" to me) already played a grumpy small-town doctor chafing against the arrival of Rachel Bilson's big city physician in "Hart of Dixie." Whoever thought to have him play the same role twice, genius. He's great at it!



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Martin Henderson as Jack Sheridan and Alexandra Breckenridge as Mel Monroe in Season 5 of "Virgin River." The popular comfort show returned for its fifth season on Thursday.

For Kuperschmidt, the appeal of a "Virgin River," beyond getting to see actors she likes continue in their careers, is that these shows speak to the never-give-up, hopeless romantic in her. And the intergenerational plotlines mean her mom gets in on the fun, too. Like other comfort soaps, the show's mission statement seems to be that it's never too late to have a new romantic journey. Mel comes to Virgin River running away from the dual griefs of her husband's death in a car wreck and the miscarriage that had torn them apart before he died. She is soon surrounded by a gossipy knitting circle; teenagers having their first sexual experiences; a baker trying to escape an abusive relationship; and Doc and his wife, Hope (Annette O'Toole), finding their way back to each other from the brink of divorce.

I'm pretty sure I watched "Virgin River" when it debuted in late 2019 because it's exactly the kind of show I love to half-watch while doing other things. But when it came back for a second season on Nov. 27, 2020, it felt like a necessity, particularly among my friends living under lockdown in hard-hit cities like New York and Chicago. It filled a void when very little new TV was coming out, when many of us weren't able to spend Thanksgiving with loved ones. I don't remember what I did for the holidays, but I remember "Virgin River."

And I remember re-watching the entire two seasons again in January 2021 when I could barely walk from the bed to my bathroom after getting laparoscopic surgery for a uterine fibroid and endometriosis. I was in New York, and heartbroken over a breakup with someone I thought I might marry, and one of my closest friends drove up from D.C. to get me through a week of excruciating pain. It was her first time seeing "Virgin River" and she'd constantly shout out predictions of ridiculous things she thought would happen, which always turned out to be true, because comfort soaps aren't exactly going for subtlety. Part of their charm. (Now every time I text her about a new season, she texts back, "As if I haven't watched.") Laughing and crying over that show, even as it physically hurt to do so, was as healing as any other cure in that lonely stretch of winter. It's a show about people taking care of one another, and I'm sure a little bit of my loyalty to it has to do with the emotion it evokes of my friend taking care of me.

Season 5, which Netflix is releasing in two parts — 10 episodes now and two holiday episodes on Nov. 30 — has a new showrunner, Patrick Sean Smith of "Greek," and even in the first few episodes, the show feels warmer, calmer, less gunning for Jerry Springer messiness. (Breckenridge revealed in an interview with TVLine that she pushed for cleaning up Jack's many pregnancy storylines at the end of Season 4, so he and Mel could have a fresh, hopeful start.)

A wildfire is heading to town; Mel has quit the clinic to focus on her high-risk pregnancy; Doc, now a loyal friend to Mel, is dealing with her absence and a degenerative eye disease; Hope is fighting to stay mayor of the town after a traumatic brain injury; Jack's sister Brie (Zibby Allen) has decided to testify against the man who raped her; Jack's bad-boy war buddy Brady (Benjamin Hollingsworth) has become a confidential informant against scary drug lord lady; feisty senior Muriel (Teryl Rothery) has found new purpose taking over for Mel at the clinic; and Jack finally hears Charmaine out. She loved him, she thought they had a future together, and she got desperate. She's human and worthy of forgiveness and a beautiful life, as, the show seems to say, we all are.

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



PETER STRANKS/NEW METRIC MEDIA/CW

Children Ruin Everything (CW at 9) In Season 2, Astrid (Meaghan Rath) and James (Aaron Abrams) struggle after enduring sleepless nights with a new baby; the two attempt to find the space to give the baby his own room. Also pictured: Logan Nicholson as Felix and Mikayla SwamiNathan as Viv.

Below Deck Down Under (Bravo at 8) The guests get frustrated with Aesha when they're told that they can't do a Great Barrier Reef diving excursion; a familiar face returns to coach the deck team through a special show for the guests.

Son of a Critch (CW at 8) Mark and Mike connect when Mark gets a role in a school play; Pop asks Mary for help when it's discovered that he has been collecting his dead wife's pension checks.

Run the Burbs (CW at 8:30) Andrew makes a decision with the help of Khia's guidance counselor; Camille has problems catering an event; Hudson and Ramesh assist Cathy with her taxes.

American Experience: The Busing Battleground (PBS; check local listings) In the 1970s, court-mandated social integration led to further racial unrest in Boston as Black and White students were bused together.

Below Deck Down Under (Bravo at 9) After a deckhand meddles in stew drama, arguments erupt between the crew members; Tzarina reveals her feelings, causing a date to go wrong.

Breeders (FX at 10) Paul and Ally rush home from their holiday after they learn that Maya is giving birth.

SPECIAL

Remembering 9/11 on 22nd Anniversary (CSPAN at 8) A review of events regarding the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

MOVIES

Ghostbusters (MTV2 at 6:30) In this 2016 reboot, four women prepare for an epic battle.

True Grit (The Movie Channel at 8) A young woman (Hailee Steinfeld) enlists the help of a trigger-happy lawman (Jeff Bridges) to hunt down her father's killer.

FINALE

American Ninja Warrior (NBC at 8) The finals conclude in Las Vegas; the ninjas compete in Stages 3 and 4, and the winner receives a $1 million prize and becomes the next American Ninja Warrior.

RETURNING

Halloween Baking Championship (Food Network at 9) Season 9.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

9/11/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ **American Ninja Warrior** Las Vegas Finals 4 (SF)				♦ Weakest Link		♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ Beat Shazam		♦ MasterChef		♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel** (SP)	♦ **Countdown**	♦ **NFL Football** Buffalo Bills at New York Jets (Live)						(:15) ♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **Inside Ed.**	♦ **ET** (SP)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Bob Heart	♦ NCIS: Hawai'i		♦ NCIS: Los Angeles		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		♦ **Eternamente amándonos**		♦ **Tierra de esperanza**		♦ **Minas de pasión**		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Puzzler	♦ Law & Order: SVU	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ **Connection**	♦ Collectibles	♦ Antiques Roadshow		♦ **American Experience**				♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ Antiques Roadshow		♦ Out-Town	♦ **WETA Arts**	♦ **American Experience**			
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ Muraling	♦ 9/11 Inside the Pentagon		♦ A Dream in Doubt		♦ We'll Meet Again		♦ BBC News	♦ Film-Maker
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ **Son of a**	♦ **Run**	♦ **Children**	♦ Whose Line	♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
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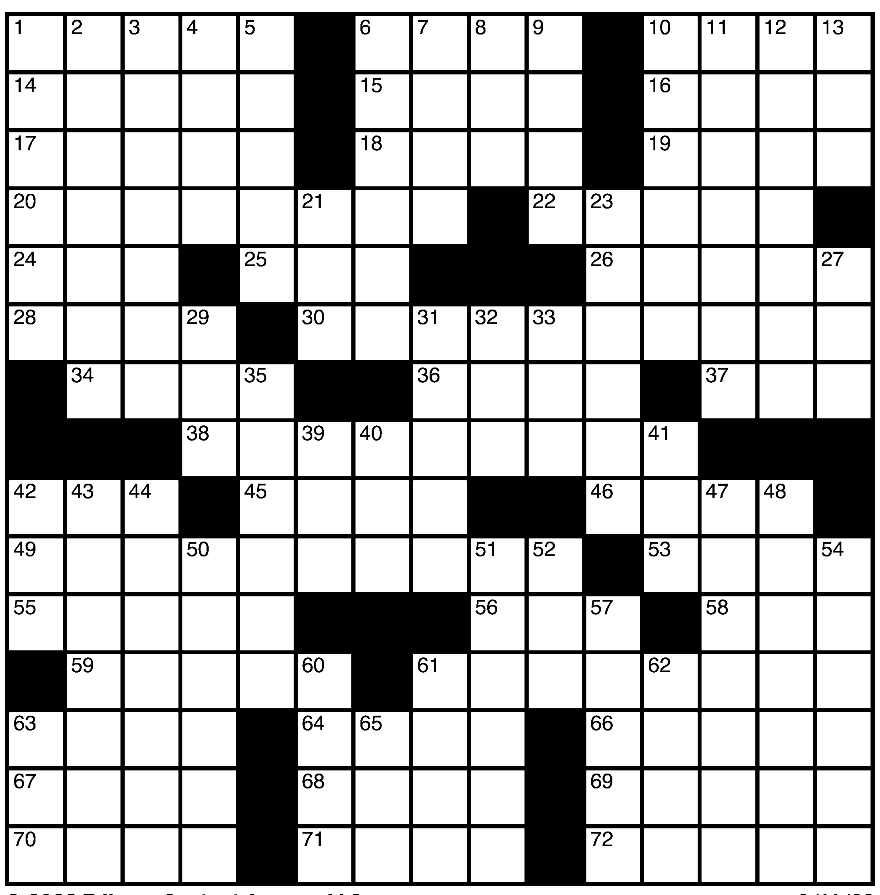
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A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(6:00) Movie: Vegas Vacation		Movie: My Cousin Vinny ★★★ (1992)					Movie: Sixteen Candles ★★ (1984)		
Animal Planet	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Movie: Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection ★★ (2012)					
Bravo	Below Deck Down Under		**Below Deck Down Under**		**Below Deck Down Under**		**Watch What**	**Couch Talk**	Below Deck Down Under	
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source With** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park
Discovery	**Street Outlaws: Red Line**		**Street Outlaws: Mega Cash Days**				Street Outlaws		Motor Mythbusters	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Movie: Mr. Popper's Penguins ★★ (2011)			(:45) Ladybug	(:10) Ladybug	(:35) Ladybug	The Villains	The Villains
E!	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	**E! News**	Saved/Bell
ESPN	(6:00) **Monday Night** (Live)		**NFL Football** Buffalo Bills at New York Jets (Live)						**Postgame**	**SportsC.**
ESPN2	SportsCenter		**Kickoff** /(:15) **NFL Football**						**Postgame**	The Walk
Food Network	Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars		**Halloween Baking Championship** (SP)				Halloween Cookie	
Fox News	**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News at Night** (Live)	
Freeform	(5:45) Movie: The Parent Trap ★★★ (1998)				(:55) Movie: Despicable Me 3 ★★ (2017)				The 700 Club	
FX	Movie: Iron Man 3 ★★★ (2013)						**Breeders**	(:35) Breeders	(:10) Breeders	Movie
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Professional B...		Movie: My Secret Valentine (2018)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Martha's Vineyard Mysteries				Murder, She Baked				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	Movie	(:40) Winning Beat L.A.		Movie: Post Grad ★★ (2009)			Winning	(:50) Movie: Magic Mike's Last Dance ★★		
HGTV	Tough Love With Hilary Farr		Tough Love With Hilary Farr		**Tough Love**		**House Hunters**		Hunters	Hunters Int'l
History	(6:00) 9/11: Four Flights		9/11: I Was There				(:05) 9/11: 102 Minutes That Changed America			
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles		**#TextMeWhen**		**#TextMeWhen**		(:05) **Meet, Marry, Murder**		(:05) #TextMeWhen	
MASN	(6:30) **Baseball** St. Louis Cardinals at Baltimore Orioles				**O's Xtra**	Wall to Wall Baseball		**Coach**	**Wolfpack**	**Carolina**
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**R. Maddow** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	**Ridiculous**	**Ridiculous**	**Ridiculous**	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Bin Laden's Hard Drive		9/11: One Day in America			9/11: One Day in America		9/11: One Day in America		9/11
NBC SportsNet WA	Basketball Washington Mystics at New York Liberty				Fairways of Life		Basketball Washington Mystics at New York Liberty			
Nickelodeon	Young Dylan	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Pretty Woman ★★★ (1990)						Movie: Clueless ★★★ (P)	
Syfy	(6:00) Movie: Winchester ★		(:05) Movie: The Turning ★ (2020)				(:05) Movie: Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark ★★ (2019)			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**American**	American	American	American
TCM	(5:30) Movie: Rhapsody in Bl...		Movie: Make Way for Tomorrow ★★★			(:45) Movie: Ruggles of Red Gap ★★★ (1935)				Movie
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Other Way		**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**		**90 Day: The Last Resort**		**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**		Welcome to Plathville	
TNT	(5:30) Movie: Jurassic World		Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales ★★ (2017)					Movie: Jack the Giant Slayer ★★ (2013)		
Travel	(6:00) Mysteries- Unk.		**Mysteries of the Unknown**				Mysteries of the Unknown			
TruTV	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Movie: Rush Hour ★★★ (1998)			
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fatal Attraction		**Fatal Attraction**		**Sins of the City**		Fatal Attraction	
USA Network	Chicago Fire		**WWE Monday Night RAW** (Live)						**Hot Wheels-Challenge**	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop Miami		**Love & Hip Hop Miami**		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Movie: Think Like a Man Too ★★ (2014)			
WNC8	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	7News at 6	Paid Prog.	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Never Fear	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

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Actors Kutcher, Kunis criticized for writing Masterson character letters



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Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis, seen in 2022, starred with Danny Masterson on "That '70s Show." Criticism for their support letters — and their apology video — circulated online over the weekend.

BY HERB SCRIBNER

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis apologized Saturday for character letters they wrote for their former co-star Danny Masterson, who was sentenced on Thursday to 30 years to life in prison for raping two women at his California home in the early 2000s.

In the video, Kunis and Kutcher apologized for hurt they might have caused with their support letters, which became public Friday, one day after Masterson's sentencing. Kutcher and Kunis starred alongside Masterson on "That '70s Show," which aired from 1998 to 2006.

"We are aware of the pain that has been caused by the character letters that we wrote on behalf of Danny Masterson," Kutcher said in the video.

The support letters "were intended for the judge to read and not to undermine the testimony of the victims or re-traumatize them in any way," Kutcher said. "We would never want to do that, and we're sorry if that has taken place."

Kunis added: "Our heart goes out to every single person who's ever been a victim of sexual assault, sexual abuse or rape."

In their character letters, Kunis and Kutcher described Masterson as a decent human and a "role model" for others. Kunis wrote that Masterson was "an outstanding role model and friend" and an "exceptional older brother figure." Kutcher explained in his letter that Masterson always showed "decency, equality, and generosity."

Letters from them and others were reportedly written in July and August — shortly after Masterson was found guilty of two counts of rape during a trial that involved three women back in May, according to the Associated Press. Masterson has long denied the allegations against him, pleading not guilty during two trials over the allegations. His defense argued that he had consensual sex with the women.

Kutcher said Masterson's family had asked the couple to write the letters after the actor was convicted. He said they were meant to describe "the person that we knew for 25 years" so the judge could take that into consideration for Masterson's sentencing.

Criticism for the apology video and the support letters circulated online throughout the weekend. Chrissie Carnell Bixler, one of Masterson's victims, condemned the couple in an Instagram Story post.

"In my opinion, you're just as sick as your 'mentor,'" she wrote of Kutcher. She added that Kunis should start processing her experience on "That '70s Show" and seek therapy.

Others on social media alleged that Kutcher had shown questionable behavior in the past, specifically pointing to a 2003 video of the actor speaking on his MTV show "Punk'd" about actress Hilary Duff. In the video, Kutcher says Duff, who was a minor at the time, is "one of the girls that we're all waiting for to turn 18. Along with the Olsen twins."

Representatives for Kutcher and Kunis did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Kutcher and Kunis are the latest celebrities to see backlash on social media for writing character letters. In August, social media was quick to criticize rapper Iggy Azalea for writing a support letter for Tory Lanez, who was sentenced to 10 years in the shooting of rapper Megan Thee Stallion. Azalea reportedly asked the judge for a "transformational and not life destroying" sentencing in her letter.

Azalea apologized amid the backlash, saying she did not know her letter would become public.

"I was told this was for a judge only, yet it's being discussed in public?" she said in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter. "I never intended to publicly comment."

‘But Will You Love Me Tomorrow?’ offers a view into life beyond the spotlight

BOOK WORLD FROM C1

which local talent shows, hops and gigs offered opportunities for young performers to be discovered and recorded. Radio airplay on transistor or car radios did the rest. It was a world where teenager Carole King, along with her boyfriend-then-husband Gerry Goffin, wrote songs, including “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” that propelled such groups as the Shirelles, the Crystals and the Chiffons to lasting stardom.

“But Will You Love Me Tomorrow?” has an unusual and sometimes troublesome format. It consists of edited transcripts of more than 100 interviews with notable artists, such as King, Ronnie Spector, Diana Ross, Patti LaBelle, Cher and Johnny Mathis, but we also hear from their managers, producers, songwriters, various band members, DJs and family members. These shared stories foster intimacy, conflicting memories and sometimes confusion. But reader persistence pays off.

Recordheads will enjoy learning, for instance, that “Dancing in the Street,” a huge 1964 hit by Martha and the Vandellas, was originally written for Kim Weston. Or that, according to Gloria Jones of the Blossoms, Sam Cooke had a tendency to bite his bottom lip, causing much excitement among his female fans. Urban history buffs will enjoy knowing that New York’s Peppermint Lounge was “literally a hooker and sailor joint before the Twist came along,” according to Joey Dee, whose million-seller furthered the twist craze begun by Chubby Checker. Goodies like these are B-side material. Flip the record, and the A-side plays a more recognizable American tune of race and appropriation.

The majority of girl groups that had hits were Black. These included the Chantels, the Shirelles, the Crystals, the Cookies, Martha and the Vandellas, the Supremes, and the Marvelettes. The Ronettes were multiracial. The Angels and the Shangri-Las were White. Songwriters, managers, band members and producers were of various backgrounds. Carole King wrote mega hits, and so did Smokey Robinson. Both Berry Gordy and Phil Spector were masterful producers, and mean, controlling geniuses, according to the book. Only a few singers won legal battles over rights and royalties; the word “promoters” was considered synonymous with “thieves,” Louise Murray of the Hearts and the Jaynetts tells us.

When some groups from the North toured the South, they were frightened and stunned by what they saw. Martha Reeves of the Vandellas says the group was often mistaken for Freedom Riders, leading to threats, and more than once with a shotgun. The women were constantly subjected to racist talk and the indignities of segregation. While touring with Sam Cooke and Dionne Warwick, La La Brooks of the Crystals recalls confronting a White waitress who told her to “shut up” and then running in fear to a basement, where Cooke hid her. This was a town where, Brooks’s bandmate says, the group performed “on a two-sided stage. On one side, the whites sat in theater type chairs, and on the other side, the Blacks stood up in a basketball gymnasium. We were instructed not to sing to the Black audience. Sam sang one song to the Whites and the rest to Blacks. … I can’t remember exactly how he pulled it off.”

These early girl groups were taught charm and poise with military-like rigor (Motown had its own finishing school, headed by Maxine Powell). Chaperones, and sometimes mothers and aunts, toured with the girls, but advice on how to survive on the road came from older female performers like Etta James and Laverne Baker, who toured with the nascent Shirelles and taught them how to handle money and keep their crinolines in shape. Told to keep clear of the men on the tour, the girls still witnessed some unexpected behavior. Prostitutes cavorted with men backstage, and 14-year-old Emma Pought of the Bobbettes remembers seeing a doctor board the bus to give the men shots of medicine to stave off venereal disease.

For better and worse, Flam, a writer and interior designer, and Liebowitz, author of the poetry collection “National Park,” let their subjects do most of the talking. But the lack of an editorial voice can make reading their book exhausting. There’s too much to keep straight and little context in which to do it; few dates are provided, and the multiple speakers begin to recede in relevance. The chorus of conflicting memories of who did what to whom sometimes resembles an episode of “The Real Housewives.” This squabbling can be fun, but there’s an underlying melancholy because the breakups were often precipitated by illness or death. The demise of the Ronettes is especially sad, and that story rightfully closes out the book.

In the final pages we hear from Ronnie Spector, who died shortly after the book was written. “I cried every night I was married,” she confesses about her relationship with Phil Spector. “The last year of my marriage I didn’t talk at all. Because if I said anything, he’d yell at me, so why say anything?” The girls in the Ronettes were literally her family — her older sister Estelle Bennett and their cousin Nedra Talley — and that deep connection comes through in the conversation captured here. (Estelle’s daughter, Toyin Dong, speaks on behalf of her mother, who died in 2009.) As Nedra remembered: “I only saw the three of us, all the time. We put our makeup on, we sat next to each other, we didn’t even, like, smoke individually. … We would share a cigarette — take a puff, take a puff, put it back on the ashtray. In my memory, it’s just the three of us.” That bond among women is what helped this group — and the many others featured in this comprehensive book — to rise above harsh realities and leave an indelible mark on American music.



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The Supremes with Diana Ross, right; Cindy Birdsong, left; and Mary Wilson perform in 1968. “But Will You Love Me Tomorrow?” features transcripts of more than 100 interviews with 1960s artists.

Sibbie O’Sullivan, a former teacher in the Honors College at the University of Maryland, is the author of “My Private Lennon: Explorations From a Fan Who Never Screamed.”

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AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:15-10:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 2:25-6:00-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:10-4:35
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:15-9:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:40
Strays (R) CC: 10:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:45-9:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:30-5:10-7:45-10:20
Golda (PG-13) CC: 4:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:05-4:45-9:35
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 7:35
Oppenheimer (R) OC: 6:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:45-2:30-5:05-6:50-7:40-9:30-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 7:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:15-9:50
Talk to Me (R) OC: 10:00
Bottoms (R) OC: 7:15

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Road House (1989) (NR) 7:30
Barbie (PG-13) 3:00-6:15-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 2:30-6:00
Oppenheimer (R) 3:15-5:30-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:30-6:00-6:45-9:00-9:45
The Nun II (R) 2:45
My Animal (R) 9:45
Bottoms (R) 3:30-5:15-6:30-8:00-9:15-10:35
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:00
The Nun II (R) 3:45-7:00-10:15
Bottoms (R) 2:30

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Barbie (PG-13) 7:00; 2:00-4:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:15-4:45-7:15
Bottoms (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-3:45-7:30
Golda (PG-13) 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:45

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 7:10
Oppenheimer (R) 4:00-7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:40
The Nun II (R) 4:30-7:20
Bottoms (R) 4:10-5:00-7:00-7:50
Barbie (PG-13) 4:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:40

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 11:50-2:45-8:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00-5:55
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Jawan (Hindi) 12:40-4:20-8:20
The Nun II (R) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-2:40-6:25-8:45
Bottoms (R) 12:50-1:20-3:20-4:10-6:05-6:40-8:35-9:10
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Barbie (PG-13) OC: 5:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Dirty Harry (R) 2:00
Vertigo (1958) (PG) 4:15
Enter the Dragon (1973) (R) 12:00
The Dark Knight (PG-13) 6:45
Oppenheimer (R) OC: 2:20; 8:00
Super Fly (1972) (R) 9:45
Midnight Cowboy (R) 6:15-8:45
Desperate Souls, Dark City and the Legend of Midnight Cowboy 12:05-5:45

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:00-6:50-9:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:40-7:20-10:20
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AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
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Retribution (R) CC: 11:00AM

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:15-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:20-7:20-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:50-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:40
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-6:30-7:30-9:15-10:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:00
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:00-6:00-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:50-6:05-9:10
Strays (R) CC: 9:50
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 9:30
Elemental (PG) CC: 5:00
Jawan (Hindi) 1:40-6:00-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:40
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:40-4:05-9:40
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-2:15-4:00-6:45-7:45-9:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 9:00
Bottoms (R) OC: 6:25
The Nun II (R) OC: 6:00

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 4:10
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:10-6:10-9:00
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 3:00-8:00
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:30-4:30-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:10-10:10
Strays (R) CC: 12:15-5:15-10:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-4:45-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:45
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Talk to Me (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:45-10:15
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Retribution (R) CC: 2:45-7:45
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 7:10-10:20
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 5:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) CC: 12:30-5:30-10:30
No More Bets 8:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30; 3:30-9:30; 12:30-6:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:00-7:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:45-2:00-3:30-6:15-8:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:30-7:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:15-3:00-4:45-5:45-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
Barbie (PG-13) 2:20-7:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) 5:15

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:30
Strays (R) CC: 1:25-6:40
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 3:50-9:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-3:40-4:00-6:20-6:45-9:00-9:30
Elemental (PG) CC: 4:40-7:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:00-8:10
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Talk to Me (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:10-4:35-7:00-9:30
Retribution (R) CC: 1:20
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:15-4:30-7:15-10:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 10:05
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:30-5:15-7:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:55-7:15-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:00
Strays (R) CC: 5:15-7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:20-4:15-7:00-9:45-11:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:00-5:45
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 2:50-6:15-9:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:45-4:00-5:30-6:45-9:30-10:55
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13) CC: 11:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Hill (PG) CC: 5:05
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 5:00-8:30
The Good Mother (R) 2:05-8:00-10:45
No More Bets 2:10-7:30
The Nun II (R) OC: 8:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Barbie (PG-13) 10:45-1:35-4:25-7:20-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:40-1:20-4:05-6:45-9:30
Oppenheimer (R) 10:25-2:25-6:30-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:15-1:20-4:25-7:30-10:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-7:25-10:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:00-11:25-11:50-1:45-2:10-2:35-4:30-4:55-5:20-7:15-7:40-8:05-10:00-10:25-10:50
Jawan (Hindi) XD: 11:10-3:00-6:50-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:00-1:15-4:35-7:45-10:55
The Nun II (R) 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25; 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25; 10:35-1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55; 10:05-11:40-12:10-12:55-2:30-3:00-3:45-5:20-5:50-6:35-8:10-8:40-9:25-11:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 3:05-9:50
Talk to Me (R) 2:50-5:25-8:00-10:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:30-11:50-1:00-2:50-3:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:30-10:30
Bottoms (R) 11:55-2:45-5:15-7:55-10:35
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 11:15-6:15
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 11:25-2:00-4:35-7:10-9:45
Strays (R) 10:00-4:20-11:00
Elemental (PG) 12:00
Jawan (Hindi) 10:50-2:40-6:30-10:20
Jawan (Telugu) 2:20-10:00
Jawan (Tamil) 10:30-6:10
The Nun II (R) XD: 10:35-1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55
Kushi (Telugu) 12:35-7:15
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 10:10AM

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Barbie (PG-13) 2:40-5:40-7:40
Oppenheimer (R) 2:00-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:00-5:00-8:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 3:40-6:20-9:40
The Nun II (R) 2:20-4:20-5:20-7:20-8:30-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 3:20-6:40-9:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-1:45-3:30-4:15-6:30-7:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 1:30-3:30-7:05
Oppenheimer (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00
Linoleum 4:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:15-4:50-7:30
L'immensità 1:50-6:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Barbie (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:50-4:10-7:05
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-3:40-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:10-4:35-7:20
Linoleum 4:30-7:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 4:00
L'immensità 1:45
The Nun II (R) 1:40-4:25-7:40
The Hill (PG) 1:20-7:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:45-1:45-3:00-5:15-6:50-7:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 4:05

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:30-5:00
The Adults (R) 2:45-5:15

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 2:35-5:15-8:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 4:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:35
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 5:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:30-3:00-5:00-7:30-8:30
The Nun II (R) 3:00-5:30-7:30-8:15

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 12:50-3:45-6:35-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:40
Mastaney (Punjabi) 1:20-4:55-8:30
Oppenheimer (R) 12:15-4:20-8:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:20-3:10-4:10-6:00-6:30-7:00-8:50-9:20-9:50
Jawan (Hindi) 12:15-4:15-8:15
Jawan (Telugu) 1:15-9:15
Jawan (Tamil) 5:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:20-6:40-10:00
The Nun II (R) 12:10-1:10-1:40-3:05-4:05-4:35-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:55-9:55
Talk to Me (R) 9:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:50-1:50-3:30-4:30-6:10-7:10-8:50-9:50
Bottoms (R) 12:30-3:10-5:50-8:30
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 1:10-5:00-8:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:25
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:35-9:15
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 12:45-3:40-6:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 12:20

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 3:20-6:10-9:10
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 5:10-9:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-4:20-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:50-5:40-8:30
Jawan (Hindi) 1:20-5:00-8:50
Jawan (Telugu) 12:10-7:30
Jawan (Tamil) 3:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:10
The Nun II (R) 1:00-2:00-4:00-4:50-6:50-7:40-9:35
Kushi (Telugu) 12:50-4:30-8:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:20-3:00-5:50-8:20
Bottoms (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 1:40-5:20-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 12:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) 12:05-2:55-5:55-8:35
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:25-5:55
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-4:05-7:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:45-3:35-6:10-9:00
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 6:00-8:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:25-3:05-4:10-5:50-6:40-8:20-9:10
Elemental (PG) 12:40-3:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:15-3:40-7:45
The Nun II (R) 12:00-12:10-2:30-2:50-5:05-5:30-7:40-8:10
Talk to Me (R) 8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:30-1:30-2:45-4:00-5:10-6:20-7:30-8:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 12:25

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:25
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:00-3:40-6:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:10-4:20-8:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:50-6:10-9:15
Strays (R) 9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:50-12:45-1:50-3:00-3:50-4:40-5:45-6:40-7:30-8:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-6:50
The Nun II (R) 12:20-2:10-3:10-5:00-6:00-7:45-8:45-9:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) 2:20-4:50-7:15

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:40-3:10-5:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:20-8:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:50-2:40-5:50-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:30-7:00-8:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:20
The Nun II (R) 1:20-2:10-4:00-5:00-6:50-7:30-9:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:40-4:10-6:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:50-7:10
Bottoms (R) 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:40
No More Bets 12:10-3:00-6:00-9:10

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-4:15-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:15-3:30-6:40-9:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-1:00-2:50-3:50-5:50-6:20-6:50-8:50-9:20-9:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:30-3:15-6:20-9:30
The Nun II (R) 12:10-2:10-3:00-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00
The Hill (PG) 12:20-3:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:50-3:40-4:30-6:30-7:10-9:00-9:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00-10:00

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Oppenheimer (R) 12:50-4:40-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:20-3:20-6:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-2:50-4:20-5:50-7:15-8:45-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:00-4:30-7:45-9:10
The Nun II (R) 12:20-3:50-6:50-9:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:20-4:00-6:45-9:20
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 3:10-9:00
Stop Making Sense: The IMAX Live Experience (PG) 6:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:30-6:15-9:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 1:30
The Nun II (R) 2:00-5:20-8:20

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Terminator (R) 1:00-4:00-7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 10:00-12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:25-1:45-4:25-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:10-1:10-4:05-7:10-10:10
Strays (R) 9:15
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:20-11:00-11:40-12:20-1:00-1:40-2:20-3:00-3:40-4:20-5:00-5:40-6:20-7:00-7:40-8:20-9:00-9:40-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-9:50
The Nun II (R) 11:20-12:05-2:00-2:40-4:40-5:20-7:20-8:00-10:00
Talk to Me (R) 11:55-2:55-5:15-7:35-10:05
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:50-2:10-4:30-6:50-9:10

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 3:15-6:30-10:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 2:45-6:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) 3:00-6:00-9:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:30-6:30-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:15-3:45-7:00-7:45-10:00-11:00
The Nun II (R) (!) 4:00-7:15-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) (!) 3:30-6:15-9:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:10-4:50-7:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-6:50
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:10-7:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:50-2:50-5:10-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:15-2:35-5:00-7:20

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:20-5:15-6:30-7:00-8:00-9:15-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:35-9:00; 6:15
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 6:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:30-9:30
Strays (R) CC: 4:00-9:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:45-7:00-9:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 4:30
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-6:30-9:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 1:45
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 2:15
Golda (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00
Talk to Me (R) CC: 6:45-9:15
The Hill (PG) CC: 1:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:30-4:00-7:15-9:45
Retribution (R) CC: 1:15
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 6:15-9:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 1:00-4:45-8:30
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 4:45-7:15
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:15
The Good Mother (R) 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
No More Bets 3:00-6:00-9:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 4:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:15
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:15-5:00-8:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:00-7:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15-3:00-4:15-6:00-7:15-9:00
Strays (R) CC: 7:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:50-6:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30
Jawan (Hindi) 1:00-4:45-8:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:15-8:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 3:00-6:00-9:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 8:15
Talk to Me (R) CC: 5:45
The Hill (PG) CC: 1:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 3:45-6:15-7:00
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 4:45-8:00
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 2:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-5:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:00-6:30
The Nun II (R) OC: 8:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:10-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:25-3:10-5:50-8:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:10-2:50-6:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:20-7:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:20-3:00-5:40-8:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50

AMC Tysons Corner 16
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Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 5:10-8:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:10-3:50-6:25
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 12:50-4:45-8:25
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 8:55
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:35-4:35-7:35
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Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 12:20-6:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:45-3:30-5:05-6:15-7:55-9:00
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Jawan (Hindi) 12:15-4:10-7:50
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Bottoms (R) CC: 12:35-3:00-5:40-8:10
Retribution (R) CC: 2:45
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 12:05-4:00-7:55
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 2:30
No More Bets 3:05-9:00
Stop Making Sense: The IMAX Live Experience (PG) CC: 6:00
Jawan: The IMAX 2D Experience 1:20-8:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:25-4:15

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
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Bottoms (R) CC: 5:30-7:30

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20575 East Hampton Plaza
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My Animal (R) 10:30
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CatVideoFest 2023 2:10-5:00-7:00
The Nun II (R) 4:00-9:45

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
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Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia 11:30AM
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The Good Mother (R) 8:05

Cinema Arts Theatre
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Cinemark Centreville 12
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

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671 North Glebe Road
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Regal Fox & IMAX
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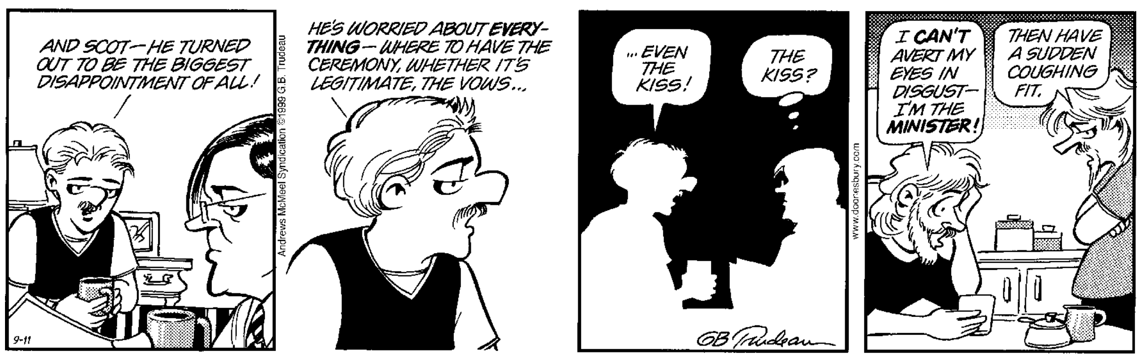
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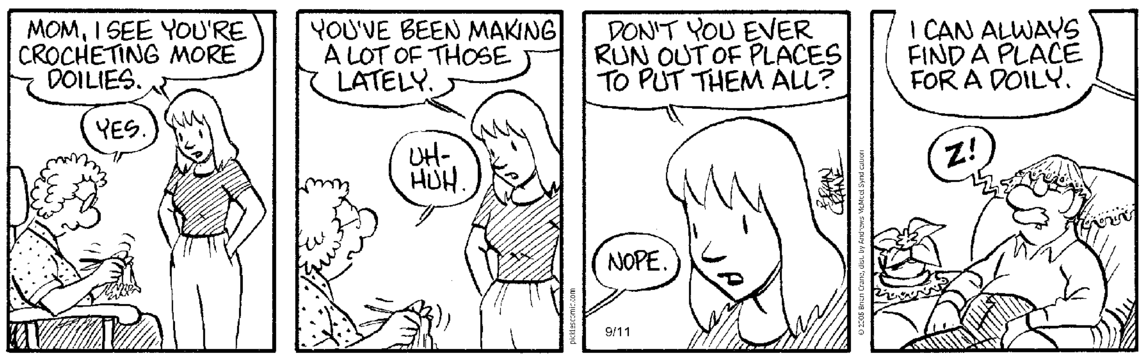
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CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ J 10 9
♥ 8
♦ J 10 8 7 6 3
♣ Q J 6

WEST
♠ A Q 8 5 4
♥ 10 7
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 8 7 2

EAST
♠ 6 2
♥ K J 9 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K 10 9 5 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ K 7 3
♥ A Q 6 5 3
♦ A K Q
♣ A 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 5

"Now is the winter of our discount tents." — sign at a camping-supply store during the off-season.

There was much discontentedness (discontention?) after today's deal. Against 3NT, West led a low spade. Dummy's jack won, but declarer looked in vain for a way to use the long diamonds. He let the queen of clubs ride at Trick Two, then led a heart to his queen. He cashed his high diamonds, the ace of hearts and ace of clubs, shrugged and led a third heart. The defenders took the rest for down one.

"Two finesses worked, and I still couldn't make it," South grumbled. "We would've had a better chance at five diamonds."

"We had a chance at 3NT," North said contentiously, "but not with you as declarer."

South can finesse in hearts at the second trick, cash the ace, unblock his high diamonds and exit with the king of spades. West can take four spades, but when he must lead a club next, declarer gets a free finesse plus an entry to a high diamond in dummy. Making three.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ 6 2 ♥ K J 9 4 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K 10 9 5 3

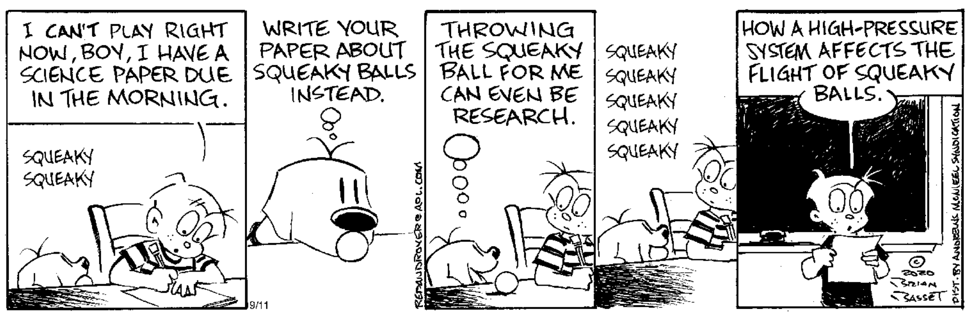
The opponents are vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens one diamond. What do you say?

ANSWER: The favorable vulnerablility suggests that you compete. Some players would bid one heart; others would prefer more strength for a simple overcall. An attractive call is an "Unusual" jump to 2NT, showing length in the two lower-ranking unbid suits and, usually, a hand suitable for a sacrifice.

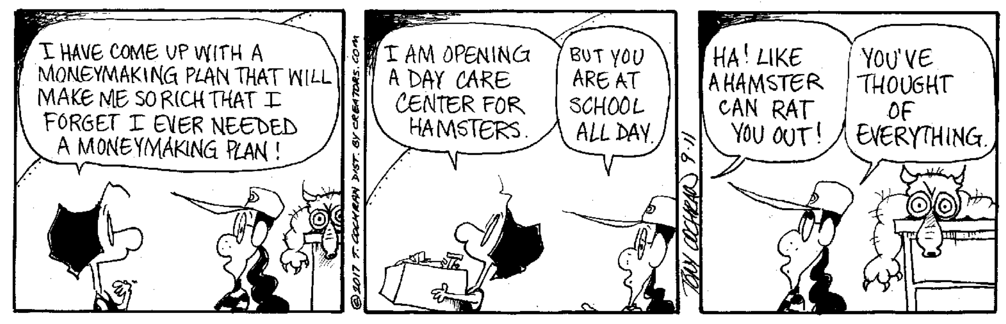
— Frank Stewart

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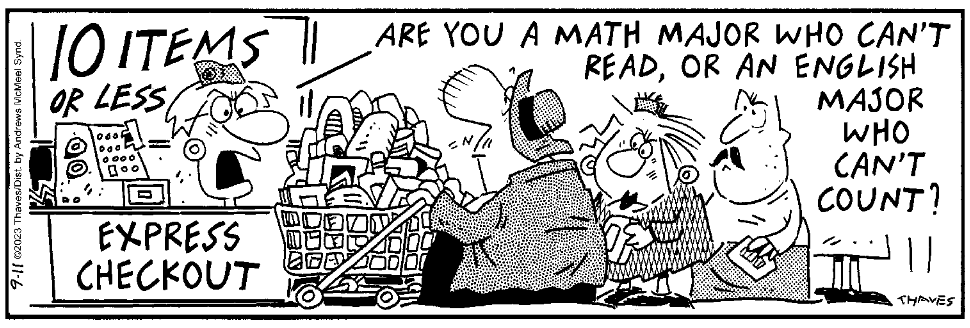
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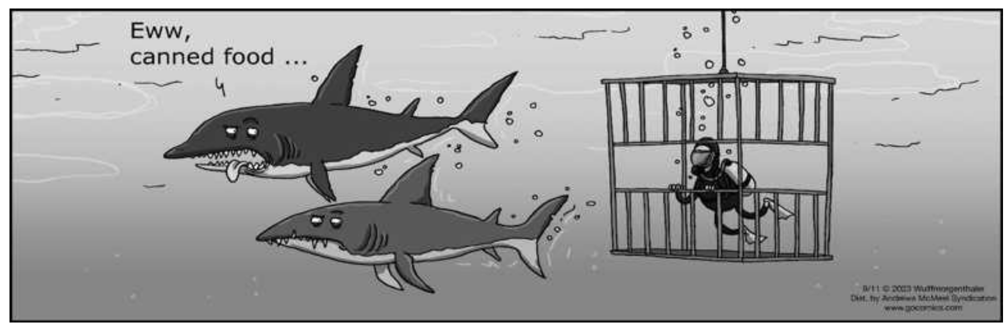
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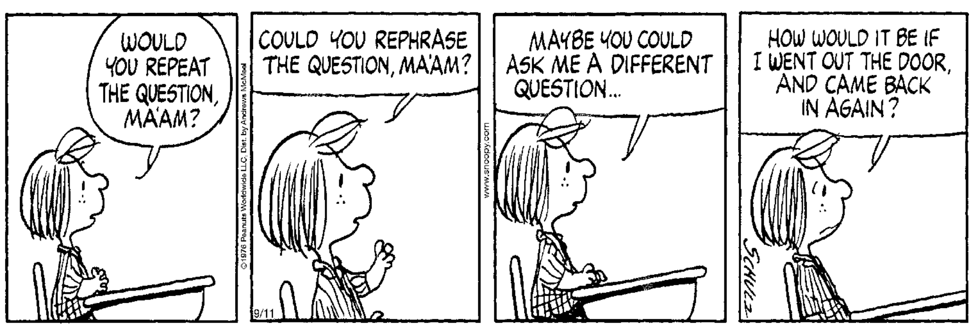
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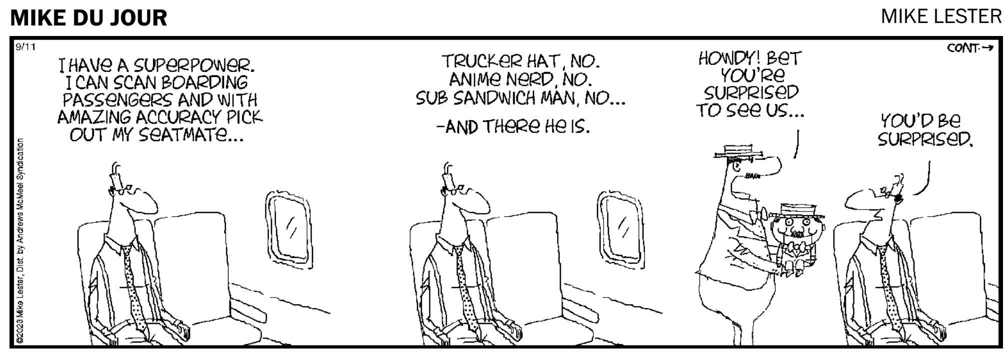
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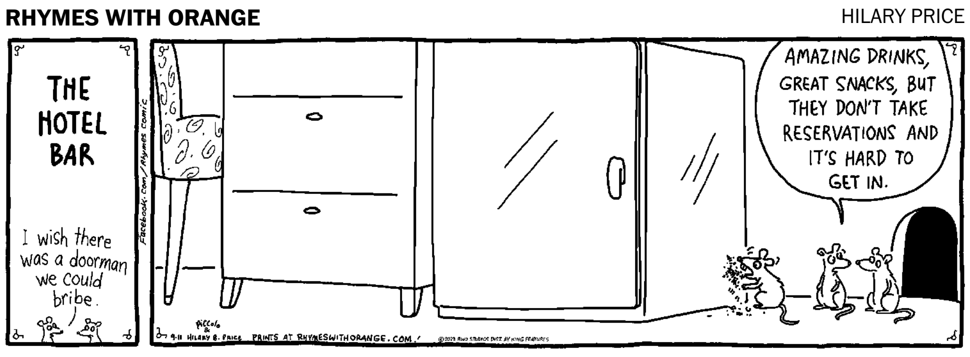
CLASSIC PEANUTS
CHARLES SCHULZ



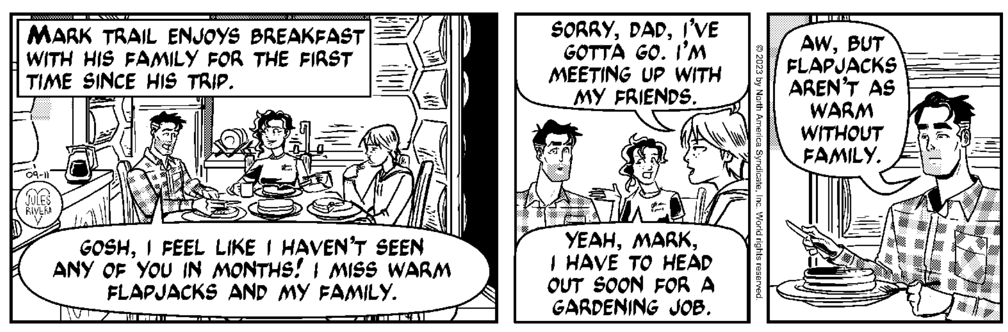
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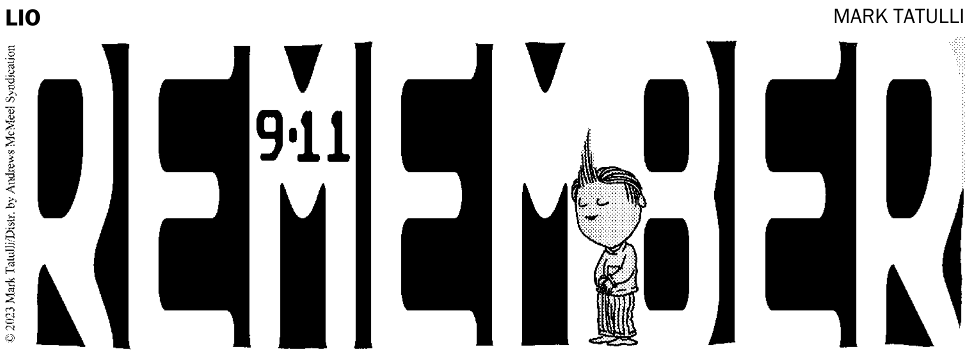
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MARK TRAIL
JULES RIVERA



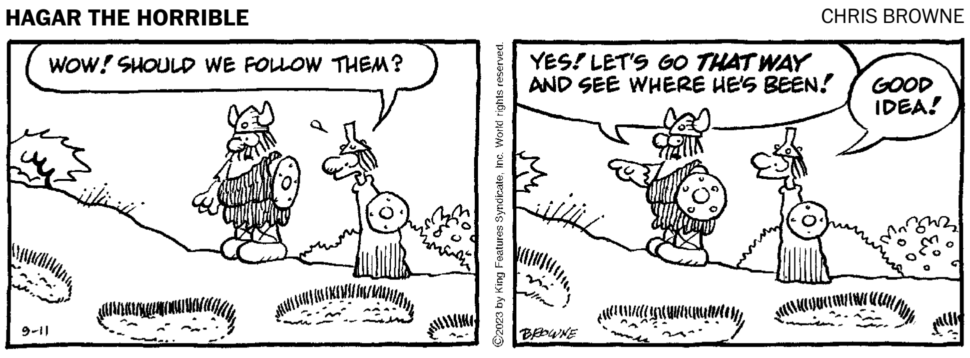
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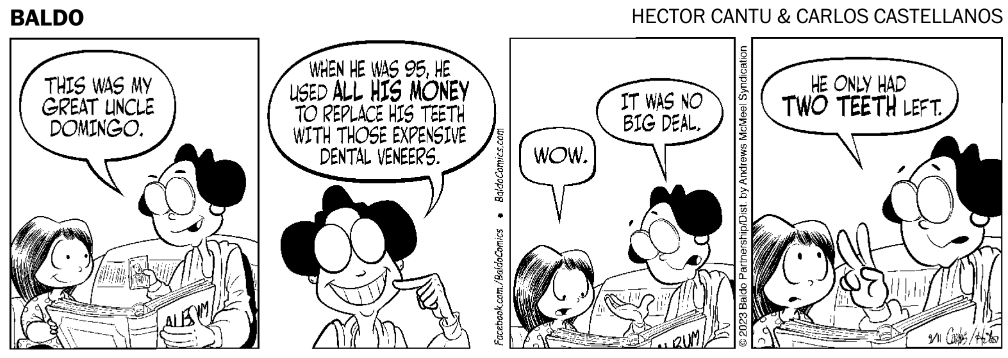
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MIKE PETERS



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CHRIS BROWNE



BALDO
HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS



BLONDIE
DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH
FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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RACK 1: A1 A1 E1 N1 D2 P3 D2

RACK 2: I1 O1 T1 R1 H4 D2 R1

RACK 3: A1 O1 U1 Y4 T1 N1 B3 — 3rd Letter Double

RACK 4: E1 E1 F4 K5 L1 R1 C3 — Triple Word Score

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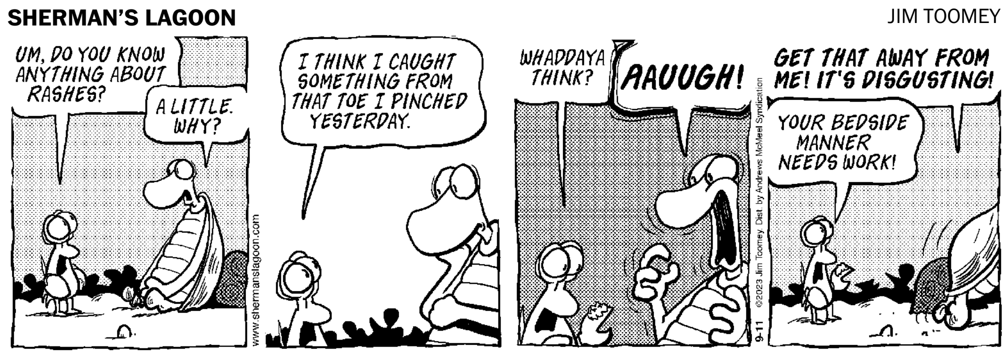
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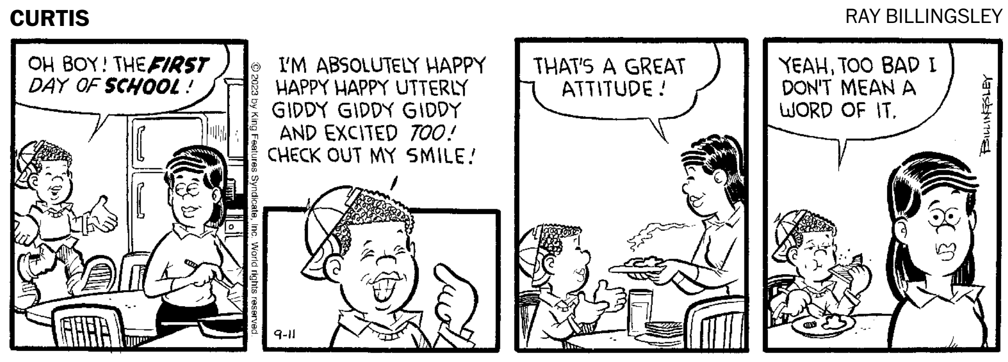
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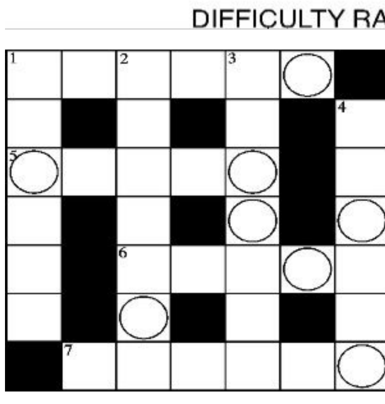
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



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1. Economical	RAFULG
5. Highly venomous snake	BMAMA
6. Scene, setting	UEENV
7. Copy ____	DITROE

DOWN CLUE	ANSWER
1. Severe food shortage	ENIMAF
2. Impassive	NMDEVOU
3. Contrary to	SGTAIAN
4. Emerge	PAAREP

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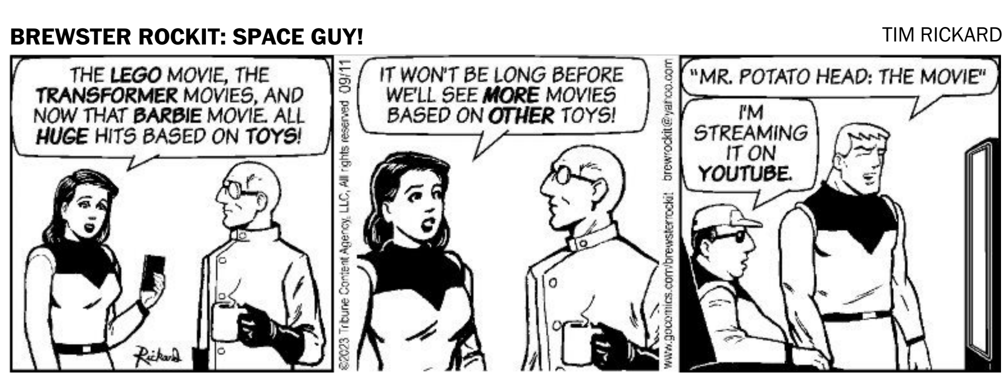
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CLUE: One of its nicknames is "The City of Kings."

ANSWERS: 1A-Frugal 5A-Mamba 6A-Venue 7A-Editor 1D-Famine 2D-Unmoved 3D-Against 4D-Appear B-Lima, Peru

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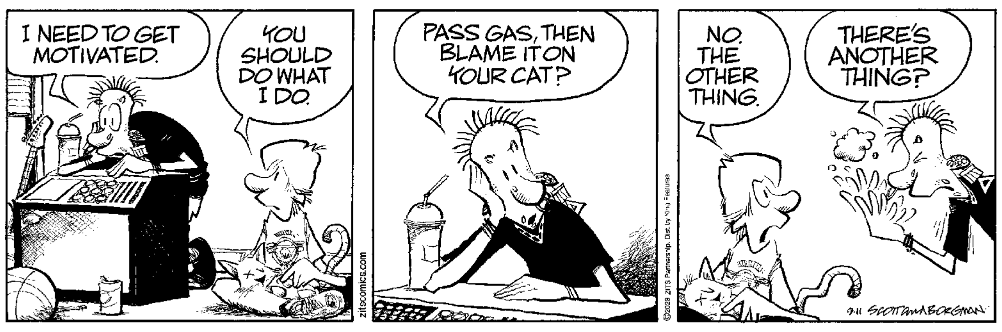
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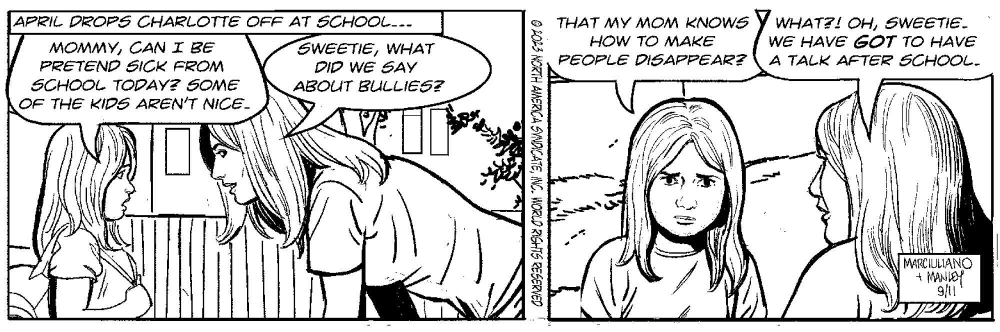
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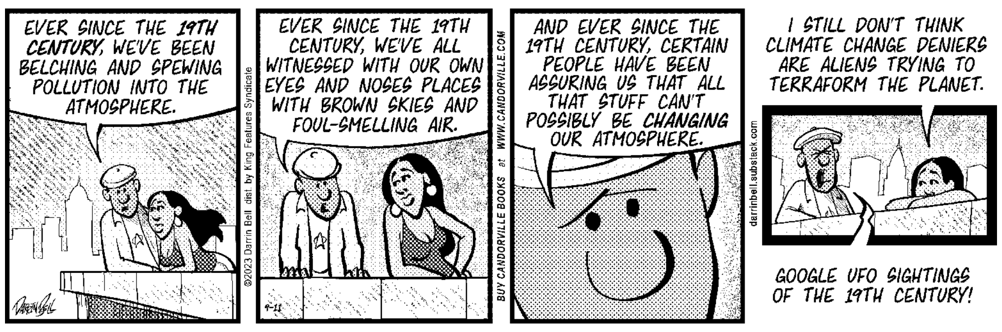
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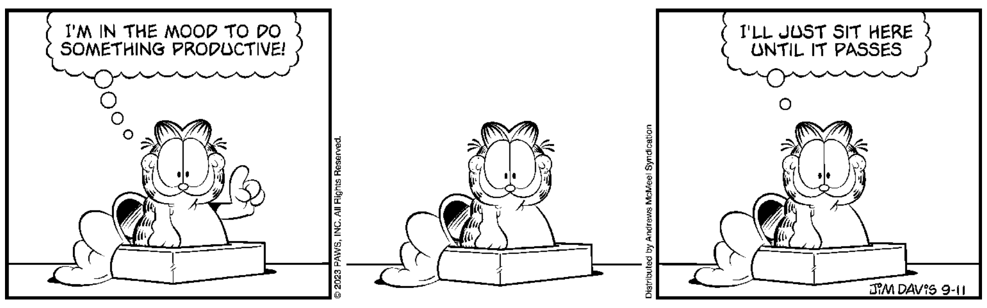
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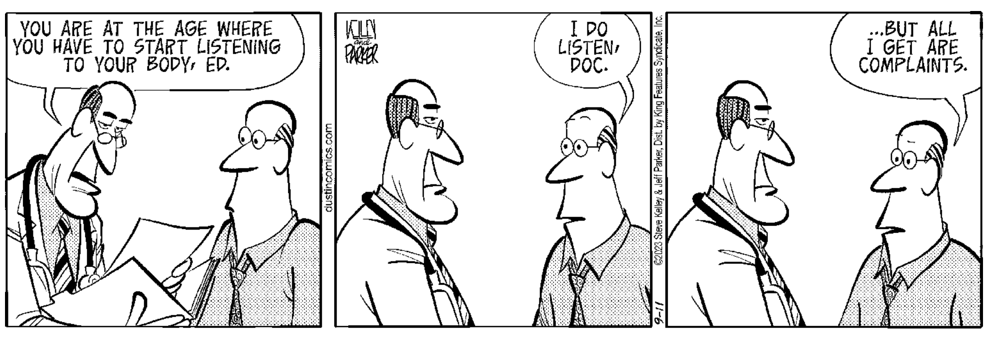
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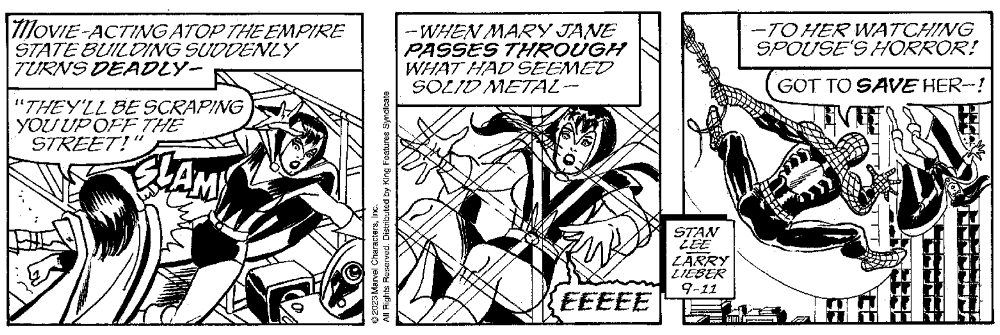
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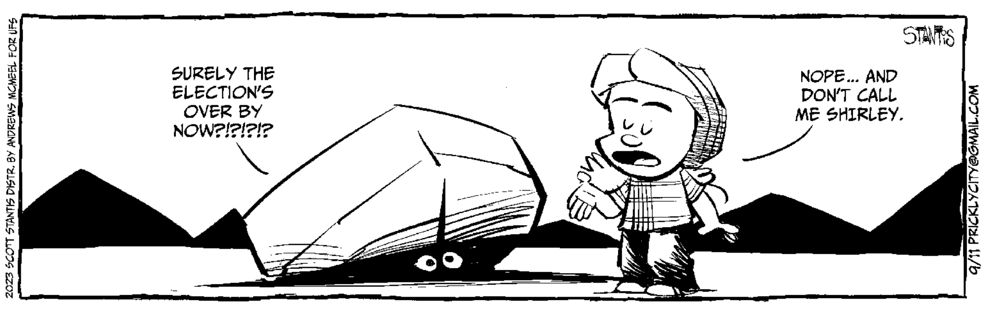
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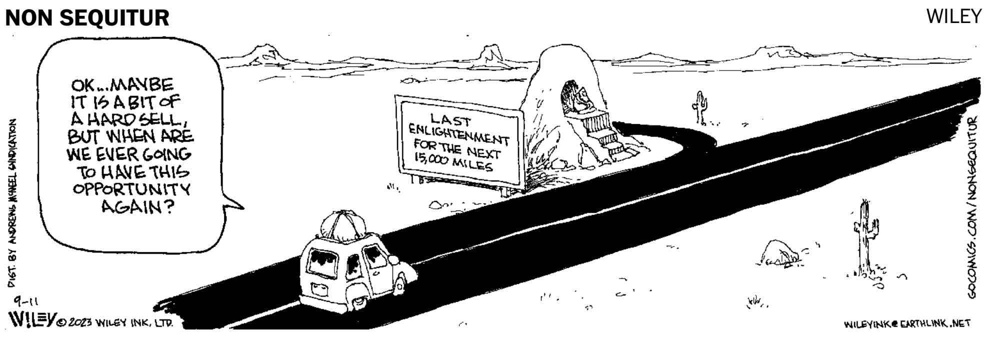
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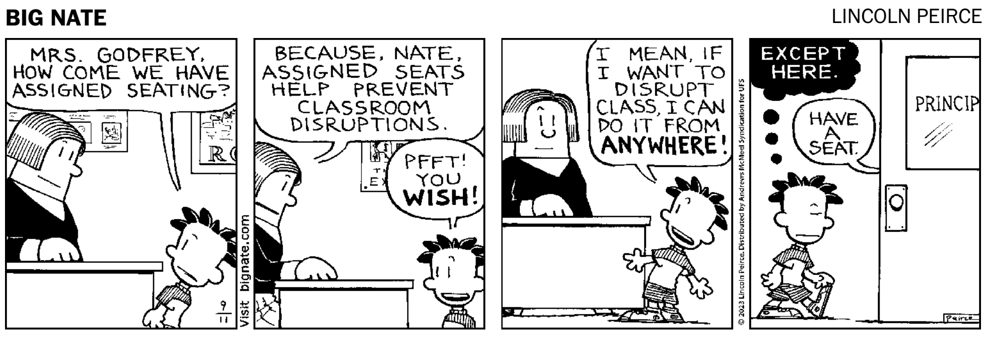
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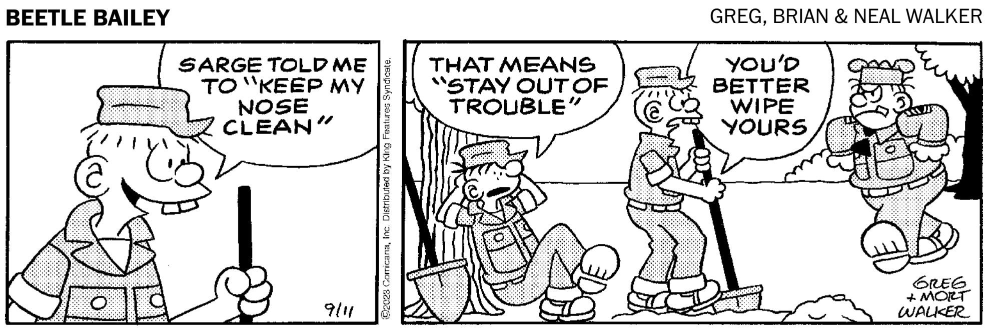


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BIRTHDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

You are compassionate, opinionated and have a deep desire to help others. You can be unconventional and rebellious. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's important to let go of people and things that are holding you back from becoming who you want to be.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Leo.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
It's Monday, and it's a great day to socialize! Meet friends for a power breakfast, a fun lunch or happy hour at the end of the day. Anything related to sports as well as fun activities with kids will appeal to you.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
This is an excellent day to explore real estate discussions. Do your homework and get your facts, because you don't want to initiate anything during the shadow of Mercury retrograde, which lasts until the end of the month.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
You'll enjoy schmoozing with everyone today. You're upbeat and optimistic. Talk to friends, relatives and siblings. Your positive mind-set will also help you write, sell, teach or travel. It's a great day to encourage like-minded people to gather.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Business and commerce are favored today. Look for ways to expand your ability to earn money, especially through partnerships or when dealing with groups. You might get richer through liaising with foreign countries and other cultures.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes your dealings with others social and upbeat! Plus, the Moon is dancing with lucky Jupiter at the top of your chart, which gives you an edge over all the other signs.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
It's a feel-good day! You're happy to be alive. (Aren't we all?) You might be pondering travel plans or dealing with people from other cultures. If so, you're probably doing this privately in your mind.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You're very effective when dealing with groups today. If you want to get something done, form a partnership or liaison with others. Others will help you in practical and perhaps even financial ways.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
People admire you today because you appear successful, capable and worldly. Group discussions will go very well. You will also be successful when dealing with younger people, taking the helm or playing a leadership role.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
You love to travel, and today is a wonderful day to get away from it all. If you can't do this, at least make travel plans for the future. If you can't even do that, then do something different! Shake up your routine.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Discussions about shared property, inheritances or anything to do with the wealth and resources of someone else will go extremely well for you today. The odds are in your favor!

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
As this week begins, talk to partners and friends. These discussions will be friendly and mutually beneficial. Be accommodating, because after all, the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Meetings related to work will go well today because people are upbeat and in a positive frame of mind. You also might deal with foreign countries or people from other cultures. It's a good day for ambitious plans about your health.

— Georgia Nicols

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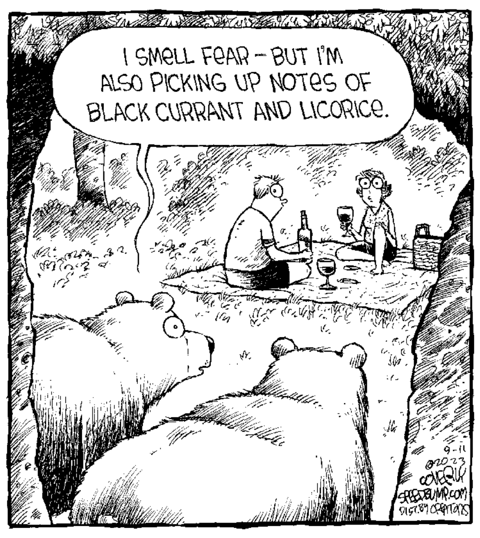
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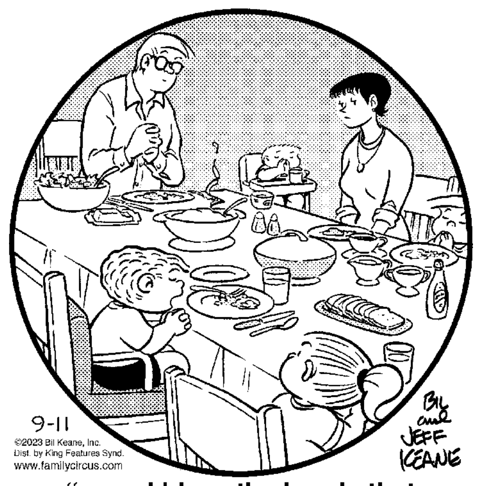


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"I DON'T MIND GOIN' TO CHURCH. IT'S LIKE BEIN' ON A SPACESHIP THAT'LL TAKE YOU TO HEAVEN!"

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"... and bless the hands that repaired this food."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



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Octogenarian parent wants to take a family trip. Is it okay to opt out?


NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Hi, Carolyn: I have a parent in their early 80s who would like us to take a trip together as a family. This parent has stated repeatedly that it is very important to them. I have a mostly good relationship with this parent, but when traveling, they are controlling and anxious, emphasis on the "controlling." They have also stated that they will pay for me and my family to join them.

I don't want to go on this trip. It will not be fun, because the controlling parent usually gets upset at one time or another, and I feel as if I have to keep everyone happy and do what this parent wants. Plus, this parent is 80, and mobility is limited to some extent. (Less of a problem but still a consideration.)

How do I get out of any trip? I love my parent; I worry about regret after they die; and I worry about devastating them, because they are a single parent, and it's not like they would go on their own ... but based on prior trips, I do not want to go. At all. Help!

— Anonymous

Anonymous: Would you go on the trip if you called it something other than a vacation? If you reminded yourself it's not for you, but for your parent?

If your parent needed a ride to a medical appointment, then you'd probably say yes and deal with your parent's crankiness and control issues and the overpriced parking and handle all the logistics of limited mobility and sit in a bland, stale waiting room for hoooouuuuurssssss, bored out of your mind. Right? You wouldn't opt out based on whether it would be any fun?

So. You have every right to opt out of a forced "vacation" (or appointment) that you want no part of. Always. And how much you expose your family to is a separate calculation. But there is ample room here for you to change your standards from "fun" to "rewarding" or "generous" or "box-checking" or whatever else you'd feel if you rallied big for your parent in what is probably the home stretch.

Re: Vacation: I'm also constantly getting nagged, but traveling with my parents and in-laws is kind of of awful and stressful. And with limited time off and constant work stress, this is not how I want to spend my vacation week. I know it is selfish, and, yes, I am plagued with guilt. But this also feels like emotional blackmail — and I have been subject to a lifetime of it by my narcissistic parent. I'm done. (And I'm on your side, Anonymous!)

— Nagged

Nagged: As you should be! And it is not selfish at all, wow, to take the breaks you need. You're entitled.

Your situation is actually quite different; yours is ongoing, and Anonymous is making an "after they die" calculation. (For which, to be clear, "no" is still a valid option.)

If it's feasible, I urge therapy for your guilt. It appears someone has reached deep into *your* life choices and declared them *their* business. And persuaded you that this is true, that your time belongs to them. Whatever hours of emotional work it takes to uncouple yourself from their manipulations will, I am confident, feel immensely well spent.

Re: Parental "vacation": Carolyn, I love this reframing and use it already with my aging parent in other ways. But I have essentially no paid "vacation days" from work. Does that change your answer?

— Reframer

Reframer: Yes. If you have no rest to spare, then the trip is out. (Our labor practices suck.)

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Now that I'm in a tourist town, people want to visit

Ask Amy
AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I'm a 53-year-old woman. Because of a stressful job I've had for the last 20 years, I have some friends, but making new ones can be a struggle when I've had to work 14- to 17-hour days.

More recently, I've tried to reach out to two women I've known for a while. Sadly, they both have kept their distance — one actually waited until the day after I asked her to lunch, apologizing for "missing my text." I was stung by the brushoff, but tried to give her the benefit of the doubt and waited to see if she might reciprocate the invitation. She didn't.

I finally decided that I needed to change my lifestyle, sold my old house and am buying a small place in a very sunny popular tourist town I've always loved. My friends have been congratulatory and supportive, including the two women who have been brushing me off.

They've both reached out (separately, they're not friends with one another) with sincere questions about when I can host them and their families for a visit. Amy, I haven't even closed on my condo!

Neither of these women are making any effort to say goodbye before I leave town. They have only expressed excitement to visit me 1,800 miles away. I'm fine leaving these people behind, but since one of them (the same one who blew off my text) has now actually sent me dates for her future visit to my condo, I'm at a loss of how to respond.

I told her I'm buying a one-bedroom place and that I don't think that she, her husband and children will be comfortable sleeping on my couch (together), but she assured me that they'll "make do." I don't want to tell her off and don't want this to be twisted into any backlash among other mutual friends.

Should I just ignore her text messages, like she did mine? I don't want to be a doormat, and don't want to cause friction. Is there a response that will be both finite, yet not "rude?"

— Resentful Future Hostess

Resentful: If you don't want to be a doormat, then definitely guard your welcome mat.

This one woman's gall is quite extraordinary (she should bottle that moxie!). You could ghost her, but I fear that might somehow translate to her showing up at your doorstep with her husband and kids. Answer her next self-invitation text: "Oops — I'm so sorry I haven't been clear enough. I will not be hosting you and your family in my new home at any point. It's just not possible."

After that you can ghost, block, ignore, unfriend. Enjoy your new life, find a few names of guesthouses in your new town, and if people invite themselves to visit, you can send them a list of places to stay.

Dear Amy: I have been in a relationship with a man for over a year. He's kind and generous. He's clean and dresses well. There is only one problem: He has bad breath. His teeth look white, so I don't know if it's a health issue. I don't enjoy kissing him, and he's not aware of it.

I don't want to hurt his feelings. How can I tell him without coming off rude or insulting?

— Concerned

Concerned: If you have been with this man for over a year and don't enjoy kissing him, he is likely to be aware of this problem on some level, but he might not realize that it originates with him. So — imagine how things might be if you actually enjoyed kissing him!

Approach this gently. Avoid words like "bad," "stinky," "foul." Say, "I hope it's okay to bring up this personal topic, but I've noticed something ... your breath seems 'off.' Have you been to the dentist recently?"

Bad breath can be caused by several different factors — it is not always the result of poor oral hygiene. If he is able to correct this problem, give him positive feedback when you notice an improvement.

Dear Amy: "Shocked Mom" expressed her dismay that her daughter accused her of basically being a martyr and helping others too much. I could not believe that you blamed this mom for being a kind and generous person. We need more people like her in this world!

— Shocked by YOU

Shocked: You're right, but because this helping behavior seemed to interfere with her relationship, I urged "Shocked Mom" to explore her deeper motivations and the possible negative consequences of her behavior.

Amy's column appears seven days a week at *washingtonpost.com/advice*. Write to *askamy@amydickinson.com* or Amy Dickinson, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, N.Y. 13068. You can also follow her *@askingamy*.

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JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

COMMANDERS 20, CARDINALS 16: Washington quarterback Sam Howell scored the go-ahead touchdown on a six-yard run in the fourth quarter as the home team opened the Josh Harris era with a victory.

Owning the day

It sure wasn't pretty, but this win officially rings in a new era



Barry Svrluga

This actually happened Sunday at FedEx Field: The owner of Washington's NFL team appeared on the video board midway through the first quarter, and the sellout crowd . . . *cheered?*

Josh Harris isn't some sort of magical elixir. His stewardship of his hometown franchise will be evaluated over years and decades, not hours on a single September Sunday. He can neither protect the quarterback nor grant the quarterback experience he doesn't have. So the entirety of the 2023 season could be mostly about what the new owner likes about his football operation and the fan experience at home games — and what he doesn't. Change has happened. More change could be afoot.

But for one afternoon, when both the sun shone and the skies opened at FedEx Field, the vibe was decidedly optimistic and upbeat, even if the football was mostly ugly, a 20-16 victory over the pretty dreadful Arizona Cardinals. Aesthetics aside, this amounted to the exclamation point on the end of the sentence, "Daniel Snyder actually sold the team!" Everyone needed a victory to sustain the momentum and warm

SEE **SVRLUGA** ON **D8**



CRAIG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

FedEx Field graced by full seats and full hearts

BY **SAM FORTIER**

After all the buzz, whipped up by investment and talk of change, it seemed for a long stretch of Sunday afternoon as if FedEx Field might in the end look just like it had for years: un-full, unhappy, unburdened of any harbored hope that this season might be different.

And then, early in the fourth quarter, quarterback Sam Howell tucked the ball, took off and strode into the end zone and a new reality. The crowd, reignited, belted out its beloved chorus: "Fight! For olllllld D.C.!"

It had been years since FedEx Field felt fully alive. There were shimmering moments but nothing compared to Sunday, when the crowd of 64,693 — considered a sellout following years of shrinking capacity — represented an entire region still

SEE **SCENE** ON **D10**

Offense shaky at times, but defense stands tall in season opener

BY **NICKI JHABVALA**

The expectation was domination.

The Washington Commanders, playing in front of a sellout crowd — a *true* sellout crowd — for the first time in years at FedEx Field, expected to inaugurate new owner Josh Harris with a defining victory over the lowly Arizona Cardinals to set a tone for a new era.

For the first time in decades, Washington's NFL franchise had honest hope for a turnaround. Chants for former quarterback Robert Griffin III, who hadn't been back in years, reverberated across the stadium. Former cornerback Champ Bailey, who returned for the first time in nearly a decade, stood before a round of cheers in the first quarter. And even former running back John Riggins, one of the most ardent critics of Daniel Snyder, sat with new ownership to take it all in.

The fans, many former players said, deserved this.

What they got, however, was a messy,

SEE **COMMANDERS** ON **D9**

Commanders at Broncos
Sunday, 4:25 p.m., CBS

Inside: In Week 1, the 49ers and Cowboys roll, and Tua Tagovailoa looks just fine. **D6-8**

Michigan State suspends Tucker as it investigates harassment claim

BY **WALI KHAN**

EAST LANSING, MICH. — Michigan State football coach Mel Tucker was suspended without pay Sunday, hours after USA Today revealed the school is investigating a sexual harassment claim made against him.

As outlined in a USA Today story published early Sunday morning, Brenda Tracy, a sexual assault prevention activist, accused Tucker of making sexually explicit comments and masturbating during a phone call as she sat frozen, unable to respond, in April 2022. According to a report submitted to the school by an external investigator, Tucker claimed their relationship was "mutually consensual and intimate," the newspaper reported.

SEE **MICHIGAN STATE** ON **D5**



MARY ALTAFFER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Novak Djokovic beat Daniil Medvedev in straight sets in the U.S. Open final.

Keeping the next generation at bay, Djokovic secures 24th major title

BY **AVA WALLACE**

NEW YORK — He lunged across the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium to stay loose before the last game of this tournament because it took every last bit of Novak Djokovic's peerless mobility to do what he was doing. The 36-year-old Serb has rarely looked his age as much as he had throughout Sunday's 3-hour-16-minute tussle with Daniil Medvedev, a Russian nine years his junior. The physical struggle was quite fitting.

When Medvedev whipped one last forehand into the net, Djokovic shelved the apparent battle of the past few hours and nonchalantly walked to the net to share a handshake and a chuckle with Medvedev before stretching his arms

SEE **U.S. OPEN** ON **D14**

BASEBALL
The Nationals' wet weekend ends with a series loss. **D2**

PRO BASKETBALL
The Mystics close the regular season with a wild win. **D14**

SOCCER
Spanish federation president Luis Rubiales resigns. **D14**

After another rain delay, Nats drop series to Los Angeles

DODGERS 7, NATIONALS 3

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

Mason Thompson kept pitching Sunday afternoon, trying to maintain his focus as the rain just kept coming down at Nationals Park. He kicked his cleats on the mound, doing all he could to give himself the footing he needed.

The umpires did their best to get Sunday's game between the Washington Nationals and Los Angeles Dodgers through the fifth inning, thus making it official, after the series' first two games were delayed by downpours. But the rain ultimately made the field unplayable, and the game was paused in the top of the fifth.

Thompson, who had replaced starter Trevor Williams, allowed an RBI single to give the Dodgers a three-run lead right before play was stopped. After a 58-minute delay, the Dodgers cruised to a 7-3 win and a series victory.

"The long games, the extra innings — this weekend was a grind," Nationals Manager Dave Martinez said. "Other than we didn't score many runs today, I saw some really good things . . . a lot of young guys playing well. . . . Get out of here, get back on the road. It's a quick flight. Go to Pittsburgh and go 1-0 tomorrow."

The Nationals (64-79) trailed by three runs Friday before the game was stopped in the seventh inning; they couldn't overcome the deficit following a rain delay of 1 hour 34 minutes. On Saturday, the Nationals had to wait 4 hours 10 minutes before they started playing but won an 11-inning game that ended on a wild pitch.



ANDREW HARNIK/ASSOCIATED PRESS

After lengthy rain delays Friday and Saturday, the Nationals' rubber match was halted for 58 minutes.

So what was in store for the finale? A game more like the series opener.

Williams continued a troubling trend that has plagued the Nationals: He allowed a two-run, two-out single to Jason Heyward that gave the Dodgers a 2-0 lead. Nationals starters have allowed at least one first-inning run in 10 straight games, including every game of this nine-game homestand.

"The good news is we get to hit first tomorrow," Martinez said with a laugh.

Then Williams continued a troubling trend that has plagued him all season but especially of late: He gave up a second-inning moonshot to James Outman that extended the Dodgers' lead to 3-0. Williams has allowed 12 home runs in his past six starts, including four in his previous outing vs. Miami. He has allowed a National League-high 34 home runs this season. Los Angeles (87-55) tacked on another run in the inning when David Peralta was hit in the left arm with the bases loaded.

"Truly, I thought that was the only misexecuted pitch I threw today," Williams said of Outman's homer. "We were trying to do what we did the second at-bat for the strikeout. It's a lazy first pitch to a guy that we know that is swinging early."

Williams exited after $4\frac{1}{3}$ innings and was ultimately charged with six runs in another underwhelming performance that raised his ERA from 5.21 to 5.44. Williams transitioned back to a starter's role this season after being a swing reliever for the past season and a half with the New York Mets. He has thrown more innings this season (139.0) than he has in any year since 2019 ($145\frac{2}{3}$), and he could exceed that mark by season's end.

Williams joined the Nationals on a two-year deal to take the ball every fifth day — or, in the Nationals' case in recent days, every sixth day. But he has pitched more than five innings just twice in his past seven starts. On Sunday, 13 men had reached by the time he was pulled with the bases loaded in the fifth.

That forced Martinez to rely heavily on his bullpen again — his relievers had handled five innings in each of the first two games of the series, and the Nationals' next day off isn't until Sept. 25.

Thompson got two outs and was charged with one run. Joe La Sorsa, the sidearm-throwing, stirrup-wearing lefty, covered $3\frac{2}{3}$ scoreless innings before Jose A. Ferrer recorded the final out in the ninth.

"I know we got a lot of games coming up," La Sorsa said. "I know we don't have many off days. I know we have a lot of games on the road. For me, it was really important to go out there and do the job."

The bullpen's contributions weren't enough to overcome the Dodgers, who had 14 hits Sunday and 33 on the weekend. But at least over Sunday's final four innings, the Nationals weathered that storm.

Notes: Shortstop CJ Abrams sat out after he injured a knee sliding into a base Saturday. Martinez said Abrams told him he was sore Saturday night, so he decided to give him Sunday off. . . .

The Nationals' rotation for their four-game series at the Pirates begins with Patrick Corbin on Monday followed by Joan Adon on Tuesday. No starter is listed for Wednesday, and Josiah Gray is set to start Thursday. Given two recent days off and their six-man rotation, the Nationals could use Corbin and Adon on normal rest. When Gray pitches Thursday, it will have been 11 days since his previous start.

NATIONALS ON DECK

at Pittsburgh Pirates		
Today	6:35	MASN2
Tomorrow	6:35	MASN2
Wednesday	6:35	MASN2
Thursday	12:35	MASN
at Milwaukee Brewers		
Friday	8:10	MASN
Saturday	7:10	MASN2
Sunday	2:10	MASN2
vs. Chicago White Sox		
Sept. 18	7:05	MASN2
Sept. 19	7:05	MASN2
Sept. 20	1:05	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

FIBA WORLD CUP

As Germany wins its first title, the United States finishes out of the medals

BY BEN GOLLIVER

Germany capped an undefeated FIBA World Cup run with its first gold medal, while USA Basketball left the tournament empty-handed for the second straight time.

Faced with a fierce fourth-quarter rally by Serbia, Germany survived to win Sunday's championship game, 83-77, at Mall of Asia Arena in the Philippines. The Germans, who upset the Americans in Friday's semifinals, got a game-high 28 points from guard Dennis Schröder, who closed out the win with a driving layup and three free throws in the final minute, earning himself tournament MVP honors. Franz Wagner added 19 points and seven rebounds for Germany, which finished the tournament with an 8-0 record.

Aleksa Avramovic scored a team-high 21 points for Serbia, which claimed silver with a 6-2 record even though two-time NBA MVP Nikola Jokic didn't play in the tournament. Bogdan Bogdanovic added 17 points and five assists to help the Serbians win their first FIBA World Cup medal since they took silver in 2014.

"It's been a long ride," Schröder said. "I've been here over 10 years. Last year, winning the [EuroBasket] bronze medal and then coming in here and going 8-0, it's an unbelievable group. We started in the end of July being together. Coach did a great job of bringing us together. To win a gold medal is a blessing. . . . We wrote history. Dirk Nowitzki is one of best [power forwards] ever, who changed the game of basketball and was an NBA champ. So much respect for this guy. I was honored to play with him in 2015 at the European championship, and surpassing that is a great achievement."

For the United States, the disappointment of its semifinal loss to Germany turned to heartbreak Sunday during a 127-118 overtime loss to Canada in the bronze medal game. Playing without three players because of illness, the Americans fought back from double-digit deficits in the first and fourth quarters to force overtime, only to be outscored 16-7 in the extra period. Canada claimed its first FIBA World Cup medal thanks to Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Dillon Brooks, who pummeled the United States' shorthanded defense.

"The medal means a lot to the guys, the program, the board, the country, everybody, the coaches," Canada Coach Jordi Fernandez said. "An accomplishment like this, you don't know what it is until you do it. All the relationships we've built will stay there forever. We have a great program."

The narrow defeat to a budding rival capped a disheartening tournament for the United States, which finished 5-3. The Americans won their first four games before losing to Lithuania, Germany and Canada over the last eight days. Jaren Jackson Jr., Paolo Banchero and Brandon Ingram missed the bronze medal game, forcing Coach Steve Kerr to start Walker Kessler and use centerless lineups down the stretch.



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Austin Reaves, left, Anthony Edwards and the United States lost for the third time in four games and wound up fourth at the World Cup.

"I feel bad for our guys," Kerr said. "They really put so much into it for the last six weeks. It was an amazing group. It was tough to try to hang in there tonight without three guys who were very important to the team."

The Canadians finished the tournament 6-2, clinching a spot at the 2024 Olympics along the way. Gilgeous-Alexander emerged as the tournament's brightest star, shaking free from regular double teams Sunday to finish with 31 points, six rebounds and 12 assists.

Brooks, who famously lost a war of words with LeBron James during the playoffs and parted ways with the Memphis Grizzlies over the summer, scored a game-high 39 points and shot 7 for 8 from outside. After receiving boos at various points during the tournament, he was serenaded with "M-V-P!" chants by the Manila crowd in recognition of an excellent two-way performance that closed a redemptive tournament run.

"I appreciate [the critics]," Brooks said. "From the beginning, everybody that was throwing shots on Twitter and Instagram watching me play. It just helps me get better and better each day. It motivates me to get better. . . . It's an amazing feeling being recognized during the game. I never take it for granted. The work doesn't stop here. I'm not satisfied, and neither is any of us on this team."

Though Canada jumped out to an early 23-13 lead and largely controlled the action, the United States unleashed a 12-0 run in the fourth quarter to pull in front with just over six minutes remaining in regulation. The North American neighbors traded baskets and free throws during a tense endgame, with Gilgeous-Alexander hitting a jumper and Brooks making two free throws to give Canada a four-point lead with 10 seconds left.

Facing near-certain defeat, Mikal Bridges stepped to the free throw line with 4.2 seconds left. After making his first attempt, Bridges intentionally missed his second, and the ball caromed off the rim to the right corner. The Brooklyn Nets forward then tracked down his own rebound, retreated behind the arc and drilled a game-tying turnaround three-pointer to tie the score at 111 with 0.2 seconds left.

But that miraculous shot was the high point for the Americans. Gilgeous-Alexander scored seven quick points in overtime to put Canada ahead for good.

"We didn't get enough stops," Bridges said. "[Canada] had a rhythm. But we just fought to the end. I can take that with me after this. It hurts."

Anthony Edwards led the United States with a team-high 24 points, five rebounds and three assists. Bridges added 19 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while Austin Reaves chipped in 23 points and five rebounds off the bench.

The fourth-place finish represented a degree of progress for the United States after it was seventh in 2019, but the program still fell well short of its standards. Inexperience and inconsistency cost the Americans, and they were undone by a porous defense that conceded an average of 117 points in their three defeats.

"It's hard for us to build continuity with Team USA because we naturally have so much turnover from year to year," Kerr said. "We put ourselves in a great position. We got to the semifinals and were right there, but we couldn't get enough stops. We didn't defend well enough against Germany and Canada."

The roster featured four all-stars and seven former lottery picks. However, none of the 12 American players had previous experience in the Olympics or the FIBA World Cup, and backup forward Bobby Portis was the only NBA champion. The Americans, who have taken gold at the past four Olympics, have won just two of the past seven FIBA World Cups.

"I didn't need any reminder [about the rising quality of international competition]," Kerr said. "I was on the staff in 2019. The United States hasn't won the World Cup since 2014. It's hard. . . . The narrative about USA Basketball and FIBA: Do we need reminders? We're past that. These teams are really good."

DIGEST

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Big win boosts Texas to No. 4 in the AP poll

Texas jumped seven spots to No. 4 in the Associated Press college football poll Sunday after beating Alabama, and the Pac-12 became just the second conference to place as many as eight teams in an AP top 25.

Georgia received 55 first-place votes to remain the clear No. 1. Michigan was No. 2, with two first place votes. No. 3 Florida State received three first-place votes and moved up a spot.

Texas received two-first place votes after its biggest regular season victory in years. The Longhorns are in the top five for the first time since they started the 2010 season at No. 5 and have their highest ranking since they finished No. 2 after losing the BCS championship game to Alabama in 2009.

Behind quarterback **Quinn Ewers**, Texas became the first team to beat Alabama by double-digits on its home field under Coach **Nick Saban**.

The loss dropped Alabama seven spots to No. 10.

The Crimson Tide's streak of top-10 rankings, dating from 2015, is at 128, the second-longest in AP poll history behind Miami's 137 from 1985 to 1993.

Southern California moved up a spot to No. 5, giving the top five representation from each Power Five conference for the first time since Sept. 24, 2017. That top five was Alabama (SEC), Clemson (ACC), Oklahoma (Big 12), Penn State (Big Ten) and USC.

Only the SEC ever had placed as many eight teams in single AP top 25, doing it 21 times with a record 10 in September 2015.

Rounding out the top 10 are No. 6 Ohio State, No. 7 Penn State, No. 8 Washington and No. 9 Notre Dame.

GOLF

Vincent Norrman gave Sweden a second straight winner on the DP World Tour when he shot a 7-under-par 65 to capture the Irish Open in Straffan.

A week after 23-year-old **Ludvig Aberg** won the European Masters in Switzerland, the 25-year-old Norrman earned his second victory in two months.

Rory McIlroy hit into water on three different holes, hampering his bid for a second title at his home event. He closed with a 74 and was tied for 16th.

Norrman won by one stroke over **Hurly Long** of Germany (72). **Shane Lowry** (68) finished in a tie for third with **Ryan Fox** (70), **Grant Forrest** (70) and **Thriston Lawrence** (66). . . .

In Cincinnati, **Minjee Lee** lost a five-shot lead on the back nine but recovered, hitting a wedge to two feet for a birdie to beat **Charley Hull** (69) on the second playoff hole at the LPGA Tour's Queen City Championship.

Lee, a two-time major champion, won for the ninth time in her career but for the first time this year after closing with a 1-under 71.

Ruoning Yin closed with a 67 to finish third, two shots back.

In St. Louis, **Steve Flesch** matched his career-low on the PGA Tour Champions circuit with a 9-under 62 that took him from a two-shot deficit to a three-shot victory at the Ascension Charity Classic.

Flesch finished at 19-under 194, three shots ahead of **Kevin Sutherland**, who birdied his last two holes for a 67.

AUTO RACING

In Kansas City, Kan., **Tyler Reddick** took advantage of a late caution and fresh tires to rocket past six others in a two-lap sprint to the finish, and he punched his ticket to the next round of the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs with his win at Kansas Speedway.

Denny Hamlin, who co-owns Reddick's car along with **Michael Jordan**, got a poor jump when the green flag dropped, was unable to chase Reddick down and finished second.

Erik Jones held on for third, and **Kyle Larson** marched through the field in the closing laps to finish fourth.

The win was the second of the season for Reddick and the fifth of his career and sends him out of the round of 16 in the playoffs for the first time. . . .

In Monterey, Calif., **Scott Dixon** snagged his third win of the season in the IndyCar season finale at Laguna Seca.

Dixon's win was the 56th of his career, 11 behind record-holder **AJ Foyt**.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NFL

8:15 p.m.	**Buffalo at New York Jets** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2), ESPN, WTEM (980 AM)

MLB

1 p.m.	**Atlanta at Philadelphia, first game** » MLB Network
6:30 p.m.	**Washington at Pittsburgh** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
6:30 p.m.	**St. Louis at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Boston** » MLB Network

SOCCER

Noon	**UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying, Group D: Croatia at Armenia** » Fox Sports 2
2:45 p.m.	**UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying, Group J: Luxembourg at Portugal** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

2:30 p.m.	**WTA: San Diego Open and Japan Women's Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

Scott McLaughlin, like Dixon from New Zealand, finished second for Team Penske and was followed by series champion **Alex Palou**, Dixon's teammate at Chip Ganassi Racing, who scored 10 podiums in 17 races this season.

Will Power of Team Penske finished fourth and ended his run as IndyCar champion by snapping a 16-year streak of winning at least one race. . . .

IndyCar will hold an all-star race next year at the Thermal Club in Southern California, with $1 million guaranteed to the winner of the made-for-TV exhibition. The $1 Million Challenge will be held March 24.

CYCLING

Portuguese veteran **Rui Costa** sprinted to victory in the 15th stage of the Spanish Vuelta, while American **Sepp Kuss** retained the overall lead of the three-week race.

Costa held off **Lennard Kämna** and **Santiago Buitrago** in the 158.5-kilometer (98.5-mile) ride from Pamplona to Lekunberri.

Kuss will wear the leading rider's red jersey for a seventh straight day when the tour resumes after a rest day Monday. He finished in the main peloton to retain his lead of 1 minute 37 seconds over Jumbo-Visma teammate **Primoz Roglic**.

— From news services

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
y-Atlanta	93	49	.655	—	6-4	W-1
Philadelphia	78	64	.549	15	4-6	L-1
Miami	74	69	.517	19½	8-2	W-1
New York	65	77	.458	28	5-5	W-1
Washington	64	79	.448	29½	2-8	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	79	63	.556	—	5-5	L-1
Chicago	77	67	.535	3	5-5	W-1
Cincinnati	74	71	.510	6½	5-5	W-1
Pittsburgh	66	77	.462	13½	6-4	L-1
St. Louis	63	80	.441	16½	6-4	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	87	55	.613	—	4-6	W-1
Arizona	75	69	.521	13	6-4	L-1
San Francisco	73	70	.510	15½	3-7	W-3
San Diego	67	77	.465	21	5-5	L-2
Colorado	51	91	.359	36	2-8	L-4

y-Clinched playoff berth

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Baltimore	90	52	.634	—	7-3	L-1
Tampa Bay	88	56	.611	3	6-4	W-3
Toronto	80	63	.559	10½	8-2	W-3
Boston	73	70	.510	17½	4-6	W-1
New York	71	72	.497	19½	6-4	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	75	68	.524	—	6-4	L-1
Cleveland	68	76	.472	7½	4-6	L-2
Detroit	66	77	.462	9	7-3	W-2
Chicago	55	88	.385	20	3-7	L-2
Kansas City	44	100	.306	31½	3-7	L-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	82	62	.569	—	6-4	W-2
Seattle	79	64	.552	2½	3-7	L-3
Texas	78	64	.549	3	3-7	W-2
Los Angeles	67	77	.465	15	3-7	W-2
Oakland	44	99	.308	37½	5-5	L-2

Dodgers 7, Nationals 3

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts 2b-rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.312
Freeman 1b	4	2	2	0	1	0	.336
Peralta lf	1	0	0	1	0	0	.271
Hernández pr-lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.268
Muncy dh	4	2	1	0	1	2	.208
Heyward rf	3	1	2	2	0	0	.271
Rosario ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Taylor 3b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.233
Outman cf	4	1	1	1	1	2	.253
Rojas ss	5	1	4	1	0	0	.235
Barnes c	4	0	2	1	0	1	.171
TOTALS	39	7	14	7	4	9	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Young cf	4	0	2	1	1	0	.311
Thomas rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Ruiz dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.254
Meneses 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.276
Vargas ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	.244
Chavis 2b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.250
García ph-2b	2	1	0	0	0	0	.256
Millas c	3	0	1	2	1	0	.333
Kieboom 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.189
Alu lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.229
TOTALS	35	3	9	3	2	9	—

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LOB: Los Angeles 11, Washington 8. **2B:** Muncy (16), Hernández (12). **HR:** Outman (19), off Williams. **RBI:** Heyward 2 (38), Outman (63), Peralta (50), Rojas (26), Barnes (9), Hernández (21), Millas 2 (3), Young (5). **SB:** Young 2 (4). **SF:** Barnes.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Yarbrough	4	5	2	2	0	5	3.08
Suero	1⅓	2	1	1	1	2	7.88
Vesia	⅔	2	0	0	0	1	4.89
Graterol	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.34
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.55
González	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.13

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams	4⅓	8	6	6	4	4	101	5.44
Thompson	⅔	3	1	1	0	1	19	5.50
La Sorsa	3⅔	3	0	0	0	4	51	5.87
Ferrer	⅓	0	0	0	0	0		54.00

WP: Suero (1-0); **LP:** Williams (6-10). **Inherited runners-scored:** Vesia 2-1, Thompson 3-2, La Sorsa 1-0, Ferrer 2-0. **IBB:** off Williams (Freeman). **HBP:** Williams (Peralta), Yarbrough (Vargas). **T:** 3:06. **A:** 27,546 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

DODGERS FIRST
Mookie Betts lines out. Freddie Freeman singles. David Peralta flies out. Max Muncy doubles. Freeman to third. Jason **Heyward singles, Muncy scores, Freeman scores.** Chris Taylor lines out.
Dodgers 2, Nationals 0
DODGERS SECOND
James Outman homers. Miguel Rojas singles. Austin Barnes singles. Rojas to second. Betts flies out. Barnes to second. Rojas to third. Freeman is intentionally walked. **Peralta hit by pitch, Freeman to second, Barnes to third, Rojas scores.** Muncy strikes out swinging. Heyward pops out.
Dodgers 4, Nationals 0
NATIONALS FOURTH
Keibert Ruiz singles. Joey Meneses strikes out swinging. Ildemaro Vargas singles. Ruiz to second. Michael Chavis singles. Vargas to second. Ruiz to third. **Drew Millas singles, Chavis to second, Vargas scores, Ruiz scores.** Carter Kieboom pops out. Jake Alu strikes out swinging.
Dodgers 4, Nationals 2
DODGERS FIFTH
Muncy walks. Heyward singles. Muncy to second. Taylor called out on strikes. Outman walks. Heyward to second. Muncy to third. **Rojas singles, Outman to second, Heyward to third, Muncy scores. Barnes out on a sacrifice fly, Outman to third, Heyward scores.** Betts called out on strikes.
Dodgers 6, Nationals 2
DODGERS SIXTH
Freeman singles. **Hernandez doubles, Freeman scores.** Muncy pops out. Amed Rosario pinch-hitting for Heyward. Rosario pops out. Taylor strikes out swinging.
Dodgers 7, Nationals 2
NATIONALS SIXTH
Vargas singles. Luis Garcia pinch-hitting for Chavis. Garcia reaches on a fielder's choice, Vargas out at second. Millas walks. Garcia to second. Kieboom singles. Millas to second. Garcia to third. Alu strikes out on a foul tip. **Young singles, Kieboom to second, Millas to third, Garcia scores.** Thomas pops out to shallow center field to Amed Rosario.
Dodgers 7, Nationals 3

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Philadelphia	78	64	.549	+4
Chicago	77	67	.535	+2
Arizona	75	69	.521	—
Miami	74	69	.517	½
San Francisco	73	70	.510	1½
Cincinnati	74	71	.510	1½

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Tampa Bay	88	56	.611	+8½
Toronto	80	63	.559	+1
Seattle	79	64	.552	—
Texas	78	64	.549	½
Boston	73	70	.510	6

NL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING
Arraez, Mia .349
Acuña Jr., Atl .336
Freeman, LA .336
Bellinger, Chi .318
Betts, LA .312

HOME RUNS
Olson, Atl 48
Alonso, NY 43
Schwarber, Phi 43
Betts, LA 38
Soler, Mia 35
Acuña Jr., Atl 35

ERA
Steele, Chi 2.49
Snell, SD 2.52
Senga, NY 3.07
Kelly, Ari 3.16
Gallen, Ari 3.31

STRIKEOUTS
Strider, Atl 250
Snell, SD 209
Gallen, Ari 195
Wheeler, Phi 192
Keller, Pit 191
Peralta, Mil 191

AL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING
Seager, Tex .336
Díaz, TB .320
Bichette, Tor .313
Ohtani, LA .304
Yoshida, Bos .293
Tucker, Hou .290

HOME RUNS
Ohtani, LA 44
Robert Jr., Chi 35
García, Tex 34
Judge, NY 31
Seager, Tex 30

ERA
Cole, NY 2.79
Gray, Min 2.98
Bradish, Bal 3.03
Castillo, Sea 3.08
Gausman, Tor 3.28
Valdez, Hou 3.30

STRIKEOUTS
Gausman, Tor 217
López, Min 213
Cole, NY 204
Castillo, Sea 191
Cease, Chi 183

Rays 6, Mariners 3

Zach Eflin tied for the American League lead with his 14th win, and Tampa Bay beat Seattle to take three of four in a series between playoff contenders.

Eflin lasted five innings for the second straight start, allowing three runs and seven hits. Seattle went 2 for 10 with runners in scoring position against Eflin and 2 for 11 overall.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	1	3	.264
Rodríguez cf	5	1	2	0	0	2	.283
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.235
Hernández rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.269
Suárez 3b	3	0	0	1	0	3	.231
Ford dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.227
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.249
Rojas 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.276
Moore ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Haggerty lf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.234
TOTALS	35	3	9	3	2	13	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.320
B.Lowe 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.233
H.Ramírez dh	4	1	1	2	0	1	.298
J.Lowe rf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.283
Siri cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.220
Raley lf	2	0	1	2	1	1	.250
Basabe ss-3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.234
Aranda 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Walls ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Bethancourt c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.224
TOTALS	33	6	11	6	2	12	—

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LOB: Seattle 8, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Crawford (29), Haggerty (3), H.Ramírez (16), J.Lowe 2 (27), Raley (22), Basabe (4).

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miller	5	9	5	5	1	7	4.05
Bazardo	2	2	1	1	0	3	4.50
Leone	1	0	0	0	1	2	9.00

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin	5	7	3	3	2	6	3.53
Armstrong	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.81
Stephenson	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.45
Poche	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.22
Fairbanks	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.29

WP: Eflin (14-8); **LP:** Miller (8-5); **S:** Fairbanks (22). **HBP:** Miller (Raley). **WP:** Miller. **T:** 2:31. **A:** 18,230 (25,025).

Tigers 3, White Sox 2

Sawyer Gipson-Long won his major league debut and Spencer Torkelson hit a two-run double in Detroit's victory over Chicago.

The Tigers went 5-1 against the White Sox over the past two weekends and won the season series 8-5 after going 21-45 from 2019 to 2022.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.237
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.269
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.270
Jiménez dh	3	0	1	1	1	2	.272
Grandal c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Andrus 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.251
Sheets 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Vaughn ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Colás rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Sosa 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.189
TOTALS	31	2	5	2	1	8	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McKinstry ss-3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.237
Vierling lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.270
Torkelson 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.234
Carpenter rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.293
Ibáñez 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.248
Lipcius 3b	3	0	2	1	0	0	.300
Short ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Meadows cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Báez dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.219
Kelly c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.192
TOTALS	33	3	9	3	2	8	—

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E: Colás (6), Andrus (11), Lipcius (2). **LOB:** Chicago 3, Detroit 8. **2B:** Jiménez (19), Sosa (5), Torkelson (31), Kelly (2). **3B:** Benintendi (2).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scholtens	5	8	3	3	2	4	4.44
Ramsey	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.31
Santos	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.09
Shaw	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.13

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gipson-Long	5	4	2	2	0	5	3.60
Vest	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.26
Holton	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.20
Díaz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Lange	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.57

WP: Gipson-Long (1-0); **LP:** Scholtens (1-8); **S:** Lange (23). **Inherited runners-scored:** Vest 2-1. **T:** 2:35. **A:** 18,223 (41,083).


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A win … and they're in

Ronald Acuña Jr.'s two-run single in the seventh inning helped the Braves become the first team to clinch a playoff spot with a 5-2 win vs. the Pirates.

Streak ends at seven as O's falter in field

RED SOX 7, ORIOLES 3

BY NATHAN RUIZ

BOSTON — Even without the rainy conditions that enveloped Sunday's series finale between the Orioles and the Boston Red Sox, Baltimore has not played its best defense this season at Fenway Park.

The trend continued in the Orioles' final game this year in the iconic ballpark, a sloppy 7-3 loss that ended their seven-game winning streak as the Red Sox dodged a sweep.

Five of the runs Baltimore (90-52) allowed were unearned. After going more than a month without making multiple errors, the Orioles have done so in consecutive games, with Sunday marking their third contest with at least three. Four of their 11 games this season with more than one error have been in Boston. In all, they made 10 errors in six games at Fenway Park.

The loss and the Tampa Bay Rays' win over the Seattle Mariners reduced Baltimore's American League East lead to three games with 20 left to play.

The game began after a 42-minute rain delay and went on even as droplets fell until the bottom of the eighth inning, when there was another delay, this one of 88 minutes.

Boston (73-70) scored the game's final seven runs after Baltimore scored three runs in the second on an infield single by Aaron Hicks and a two-run triple by Adam Frazier.

An error by third baseman Ramón Urías led to two unearned runs in the third inning off rookie right-hander Grayson Rodriguez, who gave up hits to three of the first four batters in the fourth as the Red Sox took a 4-3 lead.

— Baltimore Sun

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Marlins: 2B Luis Arraez, who is leading the majors with a .350 batting average, was not in the lineup Sunday afternoon against the Phillies after fouling a ball off his foot in Saturday night's game.

Red Sox: Placed LHP James Paxton (knee) on the 15-day injured list, ending his season, and reinstated RHP Garrett Whitlock from the bereavement list.

Reds: IF Noelvi Marte was diagnosed with a nasal fracture after accidentally getting hit by a throw while tossing before Saturday's game against the Cardinals.

Yankees: Rookie OF Jasson Domínguez has a torn ligament in his throwing elbow and needs Tommy John surgery, interrupting an impressive start to his MLB career that included four home runs in his first seven games.

TODAY

NL games

NATIONALS AT PIRATES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Corbin (L)	9-13	5.23	13-15
TBD	----	----	----

BRAVES AT PHILLIES, 1:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Morton (R)	14-11	3.32	15-12
Walker (R)	15-5	4.15	20-7

BRAVES AT PHILLIES, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
TBD	----	----	----
Lorenzen (R)	8-9	3.95	11-13

DIAMONDBACKS AT METS, 7:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Davies (R)	2-5	6.81	7-8
Quintana (L)	2-5	3.00	2-7

MARLINS AT BREWERS, 7:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Luzardo (L)	9-8	3.59	17-11
Woodruff (R)	4-1	2.30	6-2

CUBS AT ROCKIES, 8:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Wicks (L)	3-0	2.16	3-0
Freeland (L)	6-14	5.09	10-17

PADRES AT DODGERS, 10:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Avila (R)	1-2	2.19	2-2
Kershaw (L)	12-4	2.61	15-6

NL scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 7, L.A. Dodgers 6 (11)
Arizona 3, at Chicago Cubs 2 (10)
at Philadelphia 8, Miami 4
St. Louis 4, at Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 8, at Atlanta 4
at San Francisco 9, Colorado 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Dodgers 7, at Washington 3
Miami 5, at Philadelphia 4
at Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 2
at Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 1
at Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 2
at San Francisco 6, Colorado 3

Interleague games

CARDINALS AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Hudson (R)	6-1	4.43	6-2
Kremer (R)	12-5	4.07	21-7

GUARDIANS AT GIANTS, 9:45	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Williams (R)	2-5	3.34	7-7
Cobb (R)	7-6	3.74	17-9

Interleague scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Minnesota 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Milwaukee 9, at N.Y. Yankees 2
at Houston 7, San Diego 5

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at N.Y. Yankees 4, Milwaukee 3 (13)
N.Y. Mets 2, at Minnesota 0
at Houston 12, San Diego 2

AL games

RANGERS AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Dunning (R)	9-6	3.88	10-11
Bassitt (R)	14-7	3.69	17-12

YANKEES AT RED SOX, 7:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Schmidt (R)	9-8	4.54	12-16
Crawford (R)	6-7	4.36	8-11

ROYALS AT WHITE SOX, 7:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Singer (R)	8-10	5.34	13-14
Cease (R)	6-7	4.98	14-15

RAYS AT TWINS, 7:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Glasnow (R)	8-5	2.98	10-7
Gray (R)	7-6	2.98	13-15

ATHLETICS AT ASTROS, 8:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Miller (R)	0-2	3.09	0-4
Valdez (L)	11-9	3.30	15-12

ANGELS AT MARINERS, 9:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Detmers (L)	3-10	4.82	9-16
Gilbert (R)	13-5	3.61	17-11

AL scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 13, at Boston 12
at Toronto 5, Kansas City 1
at Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 5
at Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 1
at Texas 3, Oakland 2
at L.A. Angels 6, Cleveland 2

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Boston 7, Baltimore 3
at Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 2
at Tampa Bay 6, Seattle 3
at Toronto 5, Kansas City 2
at Texas 9, Oakland 4
Lat .A. Angels 2, Cleveland 1

Braves 5, Pirates 2

Atlanta became the first team to clinch a postseason berth, rallying to beat Pittsburgh as Matt Olson went 2 for 3 with three RBI.

The Braves reached the postseason for the sixth straight year, the second-longest streak in franchise history. Atlanta won 11 straight NL East titles from 1995 to 2005.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bae 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.245
Reynolds lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.270
Hayes dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Suwinski cf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.210
Peguero ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Palacios rf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.220
Triolo 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Rodríguez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Rivas 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.197
Joe ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Delay c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.257
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	0	11	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	3	1	1	2	1	0	.336
Albies 2b	4	2	1	0	0	0	.266
Riley 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.275
Olson 1b	3	0	2	3	1	0	.277
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Rosario lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.265
d'Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Arcia ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.276
Harris II cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.291
TOTALS	31	5	7	5	4	1	—

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LOB: Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Reynolds (31), Suwinski (19). **3B:** Palacios (2).

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ortiz	5⅓	3	1	1	2	0	4.66
Borucki	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.06
Selby	⅓	3	4	4	1	0	8.64
Hatch	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	3.20

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Winans	6⅓	6	2	2	0	8	4.50
Hand	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.63
Minter	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.95
Iglesias	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.83

WP: Hand (1-0); **LP:** Selby (2-1); **S:** Iglesias (29). **Inherited runners-scored:** Borucki 2-1, Hatch 2-2, Hand 1-0. **WP:** Borucki. **T:** 2:25. **A:** 39,071 (41,149).

Reds 7, Cardinals 1

Hunter Greene allowed one hit in six innings, Joey Votto homered on his 40th birthday, and Cincinnati snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over St. Louis.

Jonathan India, Will Benson and TJ Friedl also hit solo home runs as the Reds avoided a sweep.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf	1	0	0	0	3	1	.273
Edman 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.249
Burleson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Arenado 3b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.270
O'Neill lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.242
Baker dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.204
Walker rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.271
Knizner c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.242
Winn ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.149
TOTALS	29	1	1	1	5	11	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Fraley dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Renfroe ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.182
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Friedl cf-lf	4	2	2	1	0	0	.270
Steer 3b	3	1	2	1	1	0	.269
Martini lf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.250
Bader pr-cf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Votto 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.201
India 2b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.252
Maile c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.234
Benson rf	4	1	3	1	0	1	.273
TOTALS	34	7	10	7	3	6	—

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E: Winn (1), Steer (10). **LOB:** St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 6. **2B:** Benson (15). **3B:** Friedl (7), Martini (1). **HR:** India (15), off Mikolas; Benson (10), off Mikolas; Friedl (13), off Suárez; Votto (14), off Suárez.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mikolas	5⅓	7	5	5	1	2	4.75
Pallante	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	5.09
Suárez	1	2	2	2	1	1	7.64
Barnes	1	1	0	0	0	2	10.5

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene	6	1	1	0	4	9	4.43
Farmer	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.56
Antone	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.80
Díaz	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.23

WP: Greene (4-6); **LP:** Mikolas (7-11). **Inherited runners-scored:** Pallante 1-1. **T:** 2:28. **A:** 31,190 (43,891).

Marlins 5, Phillies 4

Bryan De La Cruz hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, and Miami, which was held hitless by Ranger Suárez until Dane Myers's one-out double in the seventh, rallied for a victory over Philadelphia.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Hampson ss-2b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.281
Bell dh	3	0	1	0	1	2	.276
Edwards pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.316
Burger 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.295
De La Cruz rf-lf	3	2	1	2	1	2	.258
Myers lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.281
J.Sánchez rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Gurriel 1b	3	1	1	2	1	0	.247
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.254
Berti 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.276
Wendle ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Fortes c	3	0	1	1	1	0	.204
TOTALS	32	5	5	5	5	14	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	2	2	1	1	2	.198
Turner ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	.266
Harper dh	3	0	1	0	2	0	.294
Bohm 1b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.277
Stott 2b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.290
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Marsh cf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.289
Pache ph-cf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.298
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.270
Sosa 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.253
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	6	13	—

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LOB: Miami 5, Philadelphia 10. **2B:** Myers (3), Gurriel (16), Bohm (29), Castellanos (36). **HR:** De La Cruz (19), off Domínguez; Turner (24), off Okert; Schwarber (43), off Hoeing.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Okert	⅔	3	2	2	0	1	3.74
Hoeing	3⅓	2	1	1	1	2	4.11
Puk	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.15
Soriano	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.43
Robertson	1	1	0	0	2	3	6.43
Nardi	⅓	1	1	1	2	1	2.94
Scott	1⅔	0	0	0	1	3	2.24

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suárez	6⅓	2	3	3	3	10	3.93
Strahm	⅔	1	0	0	1	2	3.33
Domínguez	1	2	2	2	0	1	4.25
Covey	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.50

WP: Robertson (2-4); **LP:** Domínguez (4-4); **S:** Scott (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hoeing 1-0, Scott 2-0, Strahm 1-1. **HBP:** Scott (Turner). **WP:** Robertson. **T:** 3:02. **A:** 40,894 (42,901).

Yankees 4, Brewers 3 (13)

Oswaldo Cabrera broke up Milwaukee's bid for a combined no-hitter with an RBI double to tie the score in the 11th inning, and Kyle Higashioka's double in the 13th walked it off for New York.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Frelick cf-rf	5	0	0	0	1	1	.244
Contreras dh	6	0	1	0	0	2	.281
Santana 1b	5	1	0	0	0	3	.225
Canha rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.302
Wiemer cf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.210
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	1	1	.210
Monasterio 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.267
Caratini c	5	1	1	0	0	1	.247
Turang 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.223
Taylor lf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.209
TOTALS	43	3	6	3	3	12	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.237
Judge rf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.261
Torres 2b	5	1	0	0	0	2	.269
Stanton dh	3	1	1	2	2	1	.200
Kiner-Falefa cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Volpe ss	5	1	0	0	0	2	.212
Pereira lf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.150
Cabrera 3b	5	0	1	1	0	3	.207
Rortvedt c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.105
Bauers ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.202
Higashioka c	2	0	1	1	0	1	.224
TOTALS	40	4	3	4	5	15	—

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One out when winning run scored.
LOB: Milwaukee 9, New York 8. **2B:** Turang (9), Wiemer (18), Cabrera (9), Higashioka (10). **HR:** Stanton (23), off Chafin.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	8	0	0	0	2	7	3.47
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.71
Uribe	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.52
Payamps	1	1	1	0	2	1	2.39
Chafin	1	1	2	1	0	2	8.71
Milner	⅓	1	1	0	0	1	2.03

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole	7	3	0	0	0	9	2.79
W.Peralta	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.94
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.05
Kahnle	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.43
Ramirez	2	3	3	1	0	1	2.78
Misiewicz	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

WP: Misiewicz (1-0); **LP:** Milner (2-1). **IBB:** off Payamps (Judge). **WP:** Cole, Misiewicz. **T:** 3:33. **A:** 41,702 (47,309).

Red Sox 7, Orioles 3

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.272
Henderson ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.254
Santander dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
O'Hearn 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.305
Mullins cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.247
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.284
Hicks rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.285
Frazier 2b	3	0	2	2	0	1	.247
R.Urías 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.269
TOTALS	32	3	7	3	1	11	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rafaela cf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.381
Devers 3b	4	2	1	1	1	1	.272
Turner dh	5	1	2	0	0	1	.285
Casas 1b	3	1	1	3	1	0	.263
Verdugo rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Story ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.183
Abreu lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.342
L.Urías 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.215
McGuire c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.277
TOTALS	34	7	8	5	3	9	—

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E: R.Urías (4), O'Hearn (3), Rutschman (5). **LOB:** Baltimore 3, Boston 8. **2B:** Rutschman (24), L.Urías (3), Verdugo (36). **3B:** Frazier (2), McGuire (1). **HR:** Casas (24), off Irvin. **RBI:** Hicks (29), Frazier 2 (56), McGuire (16), Devers (93), Casas 3 (64). **SB:** Mullins (17).

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	4⅓	7	4	2	2	6	4.88
Irvin	2⅔	1	3	0	0	3	4.66
Krehbiel	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.80

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bello	5	7	3	3	0	4	3.68
Winckowski	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.88
Whitlock	2	0	0	0	1	3	5.32
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.20

WP: Bello (12-8); **LP:** Rodriguez (5-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Irvin 1-0. **HBP:** Rodriguez (L.Urías), Irvin (McGuire). **T:** 2:51. **A:** 31,295 (37,755).

ORIOLES' LEADERS

Entering Monday's game.

Batters	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	HR	RBI
O'Hearn	.305	279	40	85	18	12	51
Hicks	.285	158	29	45	5	7	29
Hays	.284	465	72	132	35	14	59
Westburg	.277	173	24	48	15	3	21
Rutschman	.272	523	74	142	24	18	70
Mountcastle	.271	410	62	111	20	18	67
Urías	.269	327	42	88	22	4	40
Santander	.261	513	76	134	35	27	83
Henderson	.254	481	84	122	25	24	74
McKenna	.254	122	22	31	7	2	18
Frazier	.247	368	55	91	19	13	56
Mullins	.247	340	44	84	21	13	63
Vavra	.245	49	9	12	0	0	5

Angels 2, Guardians 1

Kenny Rosenberg gave up one run over five innings to earn his first career win as Los Angeles edged Cleveland.

Mike Moustakas and Randal Grichuk each drove in a run for the Angels, who took three out of four games in the series. Kole Calhoun homered for the Guardians.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.272
Ramírez dh	3	0	2	0	1	0	.277
Fry 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Tena ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Calhoun rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.241
Freeman 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.237
J.Naylor ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.306
Giménez 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.241
Arias ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
B.Naylor c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Straw cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Brennan ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.272
TOTALS	33	1	8	1	3	8	—

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Grichuk lf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.200
Drury 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Moustakas 1b	2	0	0	1	0	1	.241
O'Hoppe dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Escobar 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.223
Wallach c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Adams rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.200
Phillips cf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.185
Paris ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.115
TOTALS	25	2	3	2	1	8	—

CLEVELAND 010 000 000 — 1 8 0
L.A. 101 000 00X — 2 3 0

LOB: Cleveland 8, Los Angeles 1. **2B:** Giménez (25), Kwan (32), J.Naylor (26), Grichuk (6). **HR:** Calhoun (4), off Rosenberg.

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bibee	7	2	2	2	0	8	3.03
Morgan	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.20

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rosenberg	5	6	1	1	1	4	4.50
Wantz	1	1	0	0	1	0	4.13
Joyce	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.60
Herget	1	1	0	0	0	3	4.79
Estévez	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.41

WP: Rosenberg (1-1); **LP:** Bibee (10-4); **S:** Estévez (30). **IBB:** off Rosenberg (Ramírez). **WP:** Morgan. **T:** 2:25. **A:** 26,134 (45,517).

Blue Jays 5, Royals 2

Kevin Kiermaier hit a tie-breaking home run in the seventh, and Toronto completed a three-game sweep of Kansas City to move a game ahead of Seattle in the AL wild-card chase.

José Berríos ended a five-start winless streak, and Jordan Romano notched his 34th save.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.274
Witt Jr. ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.272
Perez c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.247
Melendez lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.234
Olivares dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.260
Massey 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.222
Loftin 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.348
Waters rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.239
Isbel cf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.232
Velázquez ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.244
TOTALS	34	2	8	2	3	9	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.262
Bichette dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.313
Guerrero Jr. 1b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.267
Schneider 2b	2	1	0	0	2	2	.370
Heineman c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Kirk c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.255
Varsho pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.220
Merrifield lf-2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.281
Espinal 3b-ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.239
Clement ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.378
Biggio ph-3b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.225
Kiermaier cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.274
TOTALS	29	5	6	3	8	8	—

KANSAS CITY 000 002 000 — 2 8 0
TORONTO 000 002 12X — 5 6 0

LOB: Kansas City 8, Toronto 8. **2B:** Witt Jr. (27), Loftin (4). **3B:** Isbel (2). **HR:** Kiermaier (8), off Clarke.

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ragans	5⅔	1	2	2	6	6	1.69
Clarke	1	1	1	1	0	1	5.47
Snider	⅔	2	2	2	2	1	4.73
Kowar	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	5.73

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berríos	7	5	2	2	2	7	3.63
García	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.06
Cabrera	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.48
Romano	1	2	0	0	1	2	2.60

WP: Berríos (10-10); **LP:** Clarke (2-5); **S:** Romano (34). **Inherited runners-scored:** Clarke 1-0, Kowar 2-2, Cabrera 1-0. **WP:** Ragans(3). **T:** 2:47. **A:** 35,275 (49,282).

Cubs 5, Diamondbacks 2

Christopher Morel, Cody Bellinger and Dansby Swanson each hit a solo homer in the third inning, and Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak.

Swanson added two singles to help the Cubs strengthen their hold on the second NL wild-card spot.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.284
Peterson 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.194
Pham lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.248
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Thomas cf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.239
Gurriel Jr. dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.257
Rivera 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.265
Smith ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.184
Zavala c	3	0	2	1	0	0	.667
Moreno ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Perdomo ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.261
TOTALS	33	2	9	2	3	6	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Morel dh	4	1	2	1	0	1	.248
Hoerner 2b	4	2	1	0	0	0	.280
Suzuki rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.276
Bellinger cf-1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.318
Swanson ss	4	1	3	2	0	0	.249
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Gomes c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.269
Candelario 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Tauchman cf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.251
Madrigal 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.265
TOTALS	32	5	9	5	2	5	—

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CHICAGO 103 010 00X — 5 9 0

E: Zavala (1). **LOB:** Arizona 8, Chicago 5. **2B:** Gurriel Jr. (32), Pham (10), Suzuki (28). **3B:** Morel (2). **HR:** Morel (21), off Pfaadt; Bellinger (25), off Pfaadt; Swanson (20), off Pfaadt.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mantiply	1⅓	2	1	1	0	0	5.87
McGough	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	4.39
Pfaadt	6	7	4	4	1	4	6.25

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks	5⅔	7	2	2	1	4	3.71
Cuas	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1.17
Leiter Jr.	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.13
Wesneski	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.80
Merryweather	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.18

WP: Hendricks (6-7); **LP:** Mantiply (1-2); **S:** Merryweather (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cuas 2-0. **WP:** McGough. **T:** 2:17. **A:** 35,431 (41,363).

Astros 12, Padres 2

Kyle Tucker hit a pair of RBI triples in an eight-run sixth inning, Jose Altuve homered and drove in three runs, and Houston routed San Diego.

The Astros have won five of six and are a season-high 20 games over .500.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kim 2b-ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.271
Sullivan 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.188
Profar rf	4	0	3	0	1	0	.750
Soto lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.256
Azocar ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Bogaerts ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.269
Batten 2b-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Campusano c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.301
Carpenter dh	2	1	1	1	2	1	.176
Cooper 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Grisham cf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.205
Rosario 3b-2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.250
TOTALS	31	2	7	2	7	6	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	2	1	3	0	0	.312
Peña ss	4	1	0	0	0	0	.261
Kessinger ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.205
Alvarez lf	3	0	2	1	0	0	.301
Meyers cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.272
Tucker rf	3	2	2	2	1	0	.290
Dubón rf	0	0	0	0	0	1	.275
J.Abreu 1b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.238
Singleton ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Brantley dh	3	1	1	0	1	0	.346
McCormick cf-lf	4	2	2	0	0	0	.288
Diaz c	3	2	1	1	1	2	.283
TOTALS	35	12	11	9	4	4	—

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HOUSTON 003 108 00X — 12 11 0

E: Campusano 2 (3), Rosario (1), Batten (2). **LOB:** San Diego 9, Houston 6. **2B:** Bregman (27). **3B:** Tucker 2 (2). **HR:** Carpenter (5), off France; Rosario (1), off Mushinski; Altuve (16), off Waldron.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Waldron	5	4	4	4	2	1	5.55
T.Hill	0	6	6	5	0	0	5.48
R.Hill	3	1	2	0	2	3	9.27

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
France	6	4	1	1	5	5	3.61
Mushinski	1	2	1	1	0	1	5.02
Kuhnel	2	1	0	0	2	0	5.14

WP: France (11-5); **LP:** Waldron (0-3). T.Hill pitched to 6 batters in the 6th **Inherited runners-scored:** R.Hill 3-3. **HBP:** R.Hill (Altuve). **PB:** Campusano 2(2). **T:** 2:49. **A:** 41,073 (41,000).

Mets 2, Twins 0

DJ Stewart hit a two-run double in the ninth, and New York overcame a career-high 14 strikeouts by Minnesota's Pablo López.

López got his 200th strikeout of the season in the first inning. He is the ninth Twins pitcher and ninth Venezuelan-born pitcher to hit that mark. He exited the game to a standing ovation in the eighth.

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Lindor ss	3	1	1	0	0	2	.252
McNeil lf-rf	3	1	0	0	0	2	.265
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Stewart rf	4	0	1	2	0	3	.264
Mauricio 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.310
Vientos dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.203
Baty 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Alvarez c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.215
Narváez c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.192
TOTALS	31	2	4	2	0	16	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien dh	1	0	0	0	3	1	.271
Kirilloff 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Farmer ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Lewis 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.314
Kepler rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Correa ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.230
Wallner lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.218
Solano 2b-1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.292
Vázquez c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.220
Castro cf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.258
TOTALS	30	0	4	0	6	9	—

NEW YORK 000 000 002 — 2 4 0
MINNESOTA 000 000 000 — 0 4 0

LOB: New York 5, Minnesota 9. **2B:** Lindor (32), Stewart (6), Correa (28). **3B:** Castro (4).

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Megill	5	2	0	0	4	2	5.03
Bickford	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.50
Gott	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.84
Raley	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Ottavino	1	1	0	0	1	2	3.05

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
López	8	2	0	0	0	14	3.43
Jax	1	2	2	2	0	2	4.12

WP: Raley (1-2); **LP:** Jax (6-9); **S:** Ottavino (9). **HBP:** López 2 (Lindor,Alvarez), Jax (McNeil). **WP:** Megill. **T:** 2:46. **A:** 22,890 (38,544).

Rangers 9, Athletics 4

Marcus Semien went deep twice, Corey Seager hit his 30th homer, and Texas won consecutive games for the first time in September, beating Oakland.

Semien finished with four hits for the second time in four games.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kemp lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.215
Díaz ph-lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.232
Gelof 2b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.273
Noda 1b	4	1	2	0	1	2	.238
Brown dh	4	1	2	1	0	1	.218
C.Pérez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Diaz 3b	5	0	2	1	0	2	.241
Butler cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.227
K.Smith ss	3	0	0	0	0	3	.204
Soderstrom c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.158
Ruiz rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.251
TOTALS	36	4	9	3	4	12	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	3	4	2	0	0	.281
Seager ss	5	2	2	1	0	0	.336
Lowe 1b	3	1	2	2	0	1	.279
Garver dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.286
Grossman rf	4	0	1	2	0	0	.232
Jankowski rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Taveras cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.268
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
J.Smith 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.187
Carter lf	2	0	0	1	1	1	.200
TOTALS	33	9	12	9	3	6	—

OAKLAND 004 000 000 — 4 9 1
TEXAS 300 024 00X — 9 12 1

E: Kemp (7), J.Smith (7). **LOB:** Oakland 10, Texas 5. **2B:** Diaz (8), Brown (16), Garver (11), Grossman (23), Semien (35), Seager (36). **3B:** J.Smith (1). **HR:** Soderstrom (3), off Gray; Semien (23), off Medina; Semien (24), off Martínez; Seager (30), off Martínez.

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Medina	4⅓	6	5	5	3	3	5.68
Martínez	2⅔	5	4	4	0	2	5.77
Lucas	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.50

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray	2⅔	4	4	3	2	3	3.96
Heaney	3⅔	4	0	0	1	6	4.10
Leclerc	⅔	0	0	0	1	2	3.04
Burke	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.19
Bradford	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.03

WP: Heaney (10-6); **LP:** Medina (3-9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Martínez 1-0, Heaney 2-1, Leclerc 2-0. **HBP:** Medina (Lowe), Heaney (K.Smith). **WP:** Medina, Burke. **T:** 2:43. **A:** 26,189 (40,000).

Giants 6, Rockies 3

Keaton Winn had a career-high nine strikeouts in six innings to get his first major league win, and San Francisco completed a three-game sweep of Colorado.

Thairo Estrada, Mitch Haniger and Joc Peterson homered for the Giants. Estrada's homer was his second in two games.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.251
McMahon 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.245
Montero 1b	4	1	3	0	0	1	.243
Jones cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.280
Goodman dh	4	1	1	2	0	0	.286
Bouchard lf	2	0	0	1	0	2	.188
Trejo 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Wynns c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	0	12	—

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yastrzemski rf	3	0	1	0	2	1	.249
Estrada 2b	5	1	2	1	0	0	.274
Flores 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.285
Pederson dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.246
Wade Jr. 1b	4	2	2	0	0	1	.253
Schmitt 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Haniger lf	3	2	2	2	1	0	.224
Sabol c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.241
Crawford ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.202
Matos cf-lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.270
TOTALS	34	6	11	6	4	5	—

COLORADO 030 000 000 — 3 6 0
SAN FRAN. 023 010 00X — 6 11 0

LOB: Colorado 3, San Francisco 8. **2B:** McMahon (29), Montero (12), Haniger (11), Yastrzemski (21). **3B:** Goodman (3), Estrada (2). **HR:** Estrada (12), off Lambert; Haniger (6), off Lambert; Pederson (13), off Lambert.

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lambert	5	8	6	6	2	2	5.36
Suter	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.30
Mears	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.19
Kinley	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.00

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Winn	6	5	3	3	0	9	3.55
Walker	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.15
Ty.Rogers	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.11
Doval	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.98

WP: Winn (1-2); **LP:** Lambert (3-7); **S:** Doval (37). **WP:** Mears. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 33,781 (41,915).

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	32	8	.800	—
y-Connecticut	27	13	.675	5
y-Atlanta	19	21	.475	13
y-Washington	19	21	.475	13
y-Chicago	18	22	.450	14
Indiana	13	27	.325	19

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Las Vegas	34	6	.850	—
y-Dallas	22	18	.550	12
y-Minnesota	19	21	.475	15
Los Angeles	17	23	.425	17
Seattle	11	29	.275	23
Phoenix	9	31	.225	25

y-Clinched playoff spot

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 90, at New York 88
at Indiana 87, Minnesota 72
Dallas 94, at Atlanta 77
Chicago 102, at Connecticut 91 (OT)
at Las Vegas 100, Phoenix 85
Los Angeles 91, at Seattle 89

END OF REGULAR SEASON MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three; x-if necessary

ACES VS. SKY
Wednesday's game: Chicago at Las Vegas, 10
Sunday's game: Chicago at Las Vegas, 3
x-Sept. 20: Las Vegas at Chicago, TBD

LIBERTY VS. MYSTICS
Friday's game: Washington at New York, 7:30
Sept. 19: Washington at New York, 7
x-Sept. 22: New York at Washington, TBD

SKY VS. LYNX
Wednesday's game: Minnesota at Connecticut, 8
Sunday's game: Minnesota at Connecticut, 1
x-Sept. 20: Connecticut at Minnesota, TBD

WINGS VS. DREAM
Friday's game: Atlanta at Dallas, 9:30
Sept. 19: Atlanta at Dallas, 9
x-Sept. 22: Dallas at Atlanta, TBD

SEMIFINALS
Best of five; x-if necessary
Sept. 24-Oct. 3

LAS VEGAS - CHICAGO WINNER VS. DALLAS - ATLANTA WINNER

NEW YORK - WASHINGTON WINNER VS. CONNECTICUT - MINNESOTA WINNER

FINALS
Best of five; x-if necessary
Oct. 8-20

Mystics 90, Liberty 88

Washington	23	27	21	19	— 90
New York	25	25	17	21	— 88

WASHINGTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Delle Donne	23:36	3-6	4-5	1-3	4	0	11
Sykes	30:41	7-16	4-6	2-7	6	1	20
Hines-Allen	22:40	3-5	0-0	1-3	3	4	6
Atkins	22:02	3-9	5-5	0-1	1	1	11
Cloud	30:28	6-10	3-3	0-6	5	3	17
Hawkins	20:12	2-4	0-0	1-5	1	2	5
Meng	18:51	3-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	8
Walker-Kimbrough	17:58	3-5	0-0	1-4	1	1	6
Egbo	13:32	3-6	0-0	1-2	0	2	6
TOTALS	200	33-66	16-19	7-32	21	15	90

Percentages: FG .500, FT .842. **3-Point Goals:** 8-22, .364 (Cloud 2-4, Meng 2-4, Sykes 2-6, Hawkins 1-1, Delle Donne 1-2, Walker-Kimbrough 0-1, Atkins 0-2, Hines-Allen 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 4. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Cloud, Delle Donne, Hawkins). **Turnovers:** 8 (Cloud 2, Hines-Allen 2, Delle Donne, Egbo, Meng, Walker-Kimbrough). **Steals:** 6 (Atkins 4, Sykes 2). **Technical Fouls:** coach Eric Thibault, 8:44 third.

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Laney	29:32	4-9	3-3	0-1	1	2	13
Stewart	34:34	4-17	1-1	1-6	2	2	9
Jones	29:11	8-13	2-2	4-9	2	0	19
Ionescu	31:01	6-9	4-4	1-7	7	2	20
Vandersloot	31:29	3-11	2-2	0-2	4	3	9
Johannès	16:24	3-6	2-2	0-2	3	2	11
Thornton	15:05	0-3	0-0	3-5	0	0	0
Dolson	12:44	2-6	2-2	2-4	0	3	7
TOTALS	200	30-74	16-16	11-36	19	14	88

Percentages: FG .405, FT 1.000. **3-Point Goals:** 12-37, .324 (Ionescu 4-6, Johannès 3-6, Laney 2-6, Dolson 1-3, Jones 1-3, Vandersloot 1-5, Thornton 0-2, Stewart 0-6). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Stewart, Thornton). **Turnovers:** 10 (Ionescu 2, Laney 2, Vandersloot 2, Johannès, Jones, Stewart, Thornton). **Steals:** 5 (Ionescu, Laney, Stewart, Thornton, Vandersloot). **Technical Fouls:** None.

Wings 94, Dream 77

Dallas	22	22	22	28	— 94
Atlanta	20	19	19	19	— 77

DALLAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
McCowan	23:43	6-11	0-0	2-10	1	2	12
Sabally	21:12	3-8	2-2	0-5	5	4	8
N.Howard	31:58	5-11	5-5	1-9	4	5	15
Burton	18:16	1-2	2-2	0-1	2	1	4
Ogunbowale	36:50	9-18	10-10	0-4	6	1	32
Kuier	20:00	1-4	2-2	0-5	2	1	4
Brown	16:17	4-6	2-2	1-4	2	4	10
Dangerfield	15:16	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	2	3
Sims	9:38	2-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	4
Siegrist	6:50	1-2	0-0	1-3	0	0	2
TOTALS	200	33-66	23-23	6-44	26	20	94

Percentages: FG .500, FT 1.000. **3-Point Goals:** 5-18, .278 (Ogunbowale 4-11, Dangerfield 1-2, Sabally 0-1, Kuier 0-2, N.Howard 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Kuier 2, McCowan, Sabally). **Turnovers:** 16 (Ogunbowale 4, Sabally 4, Brown 3, Kuier 2, Burton, Dangerfield, McCowan). **Steals:** 6 (Ogunbowale 3, Sabally 2, Sims). **Technical Fouls:** Ogunbowale, 5:40 second.

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Billings	25:55	3-5	2-2	3-7	1	1	8
R.Howard	30:03	7-17	2-2	0-4	7	4	19
Parker	26:11	5-12	3-4	0-2	1	3	13
Gray	29:57	3-10	6-8	0-4	3	4	13
Robinson	20:55	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	2	6
McDonald	23:18	1-5	3-4	0-1	1	1	6
Hillmon	16:45	3-4	2-2	3-6	1	1	8
Jones	15:47	0-5	1-2	1-4	2	0	1
Amihere	6:22	0-1	0-2	0-1	1	1	0
Rupert	4:47	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
TOTALS	200	26-68	19-26	7-29	17	18	77

Percentages: FG .382, FT .731. **3-Point Goals:** 6-18, .333 (R.Howard 3-7, McDonald 1-2, Rupert 1-2, Gray 1-3, Robinson 0-1, Parker 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Billings, Gray, Rupert). **Turnovers:** 13 (Billings 4, R.Howard 4, Gray, Hillmon, Jones, McDonald, Parker). **Steals:** 6 (Amihere, Billings, Gray, Hillmon, Parker, Robinson). **Technical Fouls:** None.

Sparks 91, Storm 89

Los Angeles	17	27	27	20	— 91
Seattle	30	23	25	11	— 89

LOS ANGELES	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Clarendon	30:49	6-13	1-1	2-4	6	4	14
N.Ogwumike	23:56	9-15	3-8	1-6	1	5	22
Stevens	27:20	2-9	6-6	3-8	2	2	10
Burrell	20:31	2-3	0-0	1-2	2	1	4
Canada	23:39	5-9	3-3	0-1	7	2	14
Hamby	28:44	3-9	1-1	5-12	6	1	7
Cooke	21:39	5-11	3-3	0-2	0	0	14
Thomas	16:21	2-7	1-2	1-1	1	1	6
Westbrook	7:01	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	34-77	18-24	14-38	25	16	91

Percentages: FG .442, FT .750. **3-Point Goals:** 5-18, .278 (Canada 1-2, N.Ogwumike 1-2, Clarendon 1-3, Cooke 1-3, Thomas 1-3, Burrell 0-1, Hamby 0-1, Stevens 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Canada, Cooke). **Turnovers:** 12 (Stevens 3, Burrell 2, Cooke 2, N.Ogwumike 2, Canada, Hamby, Westbrook). **Steals:** 16 (Canada 4, Clarendon 2, Hamby 2, N.Ogwumike 2, Stevens 2, Burrell, Cooke, Thomas, Westbrook). **Technical Fouls:** Sparks, 4:50 first.

SEATTLE	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Horston	25:34	3-4	1-1	2-5	2	2	7
Magbegor	32:23	7-11	0-0	0-8	7	5	16
Russell	29:06	2-6	0-0	1-5	3	3	4
Loyd	36:12	9-22	6-8	0-3	4	1	28
Whitcomb	28:52	3-4	1-1	0-2	4	3	9
Nurse	25:35	5-12	5-5	1-3	0	3	18
Holmes	12:56	3-4	0-0	1-5	2	0	7
Turner	7:18	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	0
Fankam Mendjiadeu	2:04	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
TOTALS	200	32-65	13-15	5-33	25	19	89

Percentages: FG .492, FT .867. **3-Point Goals:** 12-22, .545 (Loyd 4-9, Nurse 3-7, Magbegor 2-2, Whitcomb 2-3, Holmes 1-1). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Magbegor 2, Nurse). **Turnovers:** 20 (Loyd 4, Russell 4, Whitcomb 4, Holmes 2, Horston 2, Magbegor 2, Fankam Mendjiadeu, Nurse). **Steals:** 5 (Nurse 2, Magbegor, Russell, Whitcomb). **Technical Fouls:** Storm, 3:43 first.

Sky 102, Sun 91 (OT)

Chicago	23	18	26	22	13	—102
Connecticut	19	24	21	25	2	— 91

CHICAGO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Parks	32:16	2-5	0-0	0-2	0	3	6
Smith	9:47	1-3	0-0	0-5	0	2	2
E.Williams	34:00	9-15	3-4	3-5	2	2	21
Mabrey	37:49	5-13	1-1	0-3	7	2	16
C.Williams	40:03	10-14	1-1	1-16	13	0	23
Evans	33:40	6-12	4-4	0-2	3	3	18
Koné	13:00	2-4	3-4	2-4	1	4	7
Hebard	11:00	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Bertsch	10:02	3-3	0-0	0-1	2	0	7
Soule	3:23	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
TOTALS	225	39-72	12-14	6-38	28	20	102

Percentages: FG .542, FT .857. **3-Point Goals:** 12-23, .522 (Mabrey 5-10, C.Williams 2-2, Evans 2-3, Parks 2-4, Bertsch 1-1, Koné 0-1, Smith 0-1, Soule 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (E.Williams, Evans, Mabrey, Soule). **Turnovers:** 17 (C.Williams 3, E.Williams 3, Mabrey 3, Evans 2, Koné 2, Parks 2, Hebard, Smith). **Steals:** 6 (C.Williams 2, E.Williams 2, Evans, Mabrey). **Technical Fouls:** None.

CONNECTICUT	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Allen	28:32	3-10	0-0	0-3	2	1	6
Bonner	14:56	1-7	5-5	1-3	3	1	7
Thomas	16:24	2-5	1-2	2-5	4	0	5
Hayes	12:28	3-6	0-0	0-0	0	1	7
Hiedeman	27:02	5-10	0-0	0-1	3	2	13
Nelson-Ododa	35:22	8-11	4-5	3-11	0	3	20
Harris	32:47	6-12	2-3	0-2	1	1	17
Carrington	31:11	5-14	2-2	1-5	4	2	12
Brown	26:18	1-8	2-2	3-6	4	2	4
TOTALS	225	34-83	16-19	10-36	21	13	91

Percentages: FG .410, FT .842. **3-Point Goals:** 7-23, .304 (Harris 3-3, Hiedeman 3-6, Hayes 1-2, Bonner 0-1, Carrington 0-3, Allen 0-4, Brown 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Nelson-Ododa 2, Brown). **Turnovers:** 10 (Carrington 4, Harris 2, Thomas 2, Bonner, Brown). **Steals:** 9 (Harris 3, Allen 2, Bonner 2, Hiedeman 2). **Technical Fouls:** Carrington, 3:10 first.

Aces 100, Mercury 85

Phoenix	23	18	18	26	— 85
Las Vegas	28	25	30	17	— 100

PHOENIX	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Onyenwere	33:24	4-10	0-0	1-4	2	3	9
Turner	26:04	2-3	0-0	2-7	1	1	4
Griner	27:17	10-12	1-1	1-3	3	1	21
Jefferson	29:53	8-15	2-2	2-4	6	1	22
Sutton	37:08	5-13	0-0	1-4	6	3	14
Gustafson	16:57	2-10	3-3	3-7	1	2	7
Joens	16:37	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	6
Sissoko	12:39	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	1	2
TOTALS	200	34-71	6-6	10-32	21	12	85

Percentages: FG .479, FT 1.000. **3-Point Goals:** 11-26, .423 (Sutton 4-7, Jefferson 4-8, Joens 2-4, Onyenwere 1-4, Gustafson 0-1, Sissoko 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Griner, Jefferson, Turner). **Turnovers:** 14 (Sutton 6, Jefferson 2, Joens 2, Griner, Onyenwere, Sissoko, Turner). **Steals:** 6 (Gustafson 2, Turner 2, Jefferson, Sutton). **Technical Fouls:** None.

LAS VEGAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Wilson	28:47	13-18	9-12	2-8	2	1	36
Young	28:57	1-5	0-0	0-3	5	3	3
Stokes	23:09	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0
Gray	32:59	8-11	0-0	0-2	8	0	21
Plum	30:33	12-19	0-0	0-3	3	3	30
Clark	22:33	2-7	0-0	1-4	1	2	5
George	12:21	0-3	0-0	1-4	2	1	0
Colson	10:36	0-2	2-2	3-4	0	0	2
Bell	9:13	1-4	1-2	2-2	0	0	3
Coates	0:49	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	37-70	12-16	10-32	22	11	100

Percentages: FG .529, FT .750. **3-Point Goals:** 14-33, .424 (Plum 6-11, Gray 5-7, Wilson 1-1, Young 1-3, Clark 1-6, Bell 0-1, Colson 0-1, George 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Wilson 3). **Turnovers:** 9 (Young 3, Gray 2, Wilson 2, Clark, Plum). **Steals:** 12 (Wilson 5, Plum 2, Stokes 2, Clark, Colson, Young). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 17,406 (18,000).

Fever 87, Lynx 72

Minnesota	22	22	19	9	— 72
Indiana	32	24	7	24	— 87

MINNESOTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Collier	36:51	10-18	2-2	4-10	1	2	23
Miller	32:34	4-10	2-2	0-1	2	3	11
Juhász	35:03	1-4	0-1	1-10	2	2	2
McBride	33:22	9-23	3-4	2-4	2	1	24
T.Mitchell	26:02	1-6	2-2	1-2	3	3	4
Carleton	14:29	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2
Powers	9:13	1-3	1-2	0-2	0	1	3
Milic	7:17	0-0	3-4	0-0	1	3	3
Banham	5:09	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	27-67	13-17	8-29	13	15	72

Percentages: FG .403, FT .765. **3-Point Goals:** 5-20, .250 (McBride 3-8, Collier 1-3, Miller 1-6, Carleton 0-1, Juhász 0-1, T.Mitchell 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 10. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Collier, T.Mitchell). **Turnovers:** 14 (Miller 4, Collier 2, Juhász 2, McBride 2, Carleton, Milic, Powers, T.Mitchell). **Steals:** 5 (Juhász 2, Collier, McBride, Miller). **Technical Fouls:** coach Cheryl Reeve, 4:01 first; Lynx, 00:03 third.

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Smith	33:34	7-15	1-5	1-11	3	2	16
Vivians	34:08	2-7	0-0	2-2	2	3	5
Boston	36:04	9-13	1-3	6-12	1	3	19
K.Mitchell	37:23	8-18	5-7	0-1	2	3	24
Wheeler	26:03	4-10	0-0	1-5	3	1	10
Berger	20:02	3-3	2-2	0-3	2	1	9
Caldwell	6:58	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Zahui B	3:56	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Cannon	1:52	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	2	2
TOTALS	200	34-71	11-19	11-36	13	16	87

Percentages: FG .479, FT .579. **3-Point Goals:** 8-20, .400 (K.Mitchell 3-7, Wheeler 2-4, Berger 1-1, Smith 1-2, Vivians 1-4, Caldwell 0-1, Zahui B 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 14. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 0 **Turnovers:** 15 (Smith 4, K.Mitchell 3, Wheeler 3, Berger 2, Boston, Caldwell, Vivians). **Steals:** 13 (K.Mitchell 5, Wheeler 3, Berger 2, Boston, Cannon, Smith). **Technical Fouls:** Smith, 6:44 third.

FIBA World Cup

At Mall of Asia Arena; in Manila

QUARTERFINALS TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Serbia 87, Lithuania 68
United States 100, Italy 63

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Germany 81, Latvia 79
Canada 100, Slovenia 89

CLASSIFICATION ROUND THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Latvia 87, Italy 82
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SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Slovenia 89, Italy 85
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SEMIFINALS FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Serbia 95, Canada 86
Germany 113, United States 111

FINALS SUNDAY'S RESULTS THIRD PLACE
Canada 127, United States 118

CHAMPIONSHIP
Germany 83, Serbia 77

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Boston Red Sox: Reinstated RHP Garrett Whitlock from the bereavement list. Placed LHP James Paxton on the 15-day IL, retroactive to Sept. 7. Recalled RHP Nick Robertson from Worcester (IL). Optioned LHP Joe Jacques to Worcester.
Detroit Tigers: Selected the contract of RHP Sawyer Gipson-Long from Toledo (IL). Optioned RHP Brendan White to Toledo.
Los Angeles Angels: Reinstated RHP Ben Joyce and INF Zach Neto from the IL. Optioned INF Trey Cabbage and LHP Kolton Ingram to Salt Lake (PCL). Sent RHP Chris Rodriguez to Inland Empire (CL) on a rehab assignment.
Minnesota Twins: Placed SS Jorge Polanco on the bereavement list. Recalled OF Gilberto Celestino from St. Paul (IL).
New York Yankees: Recalled LHP Anthony Misiewicz and RHP Matt Bowman from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned RHP Ron Marinaccio and LHP Matt Krook to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
Seattle Mariners: Recalled RHP Eduard Bazardo from Tacoma (PCL). Designated RHP Luke Weaver for assignment.
Atlanta Braves: Recalled RHPs AJ Smith-Shawver and Allan Winans from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned LHP Dylad Dodd and RHP Darius Vines to Gwinnett (IL).
Cincinnati Reds: Reinstated RHP Hunter Greene, 1B Joey Votto and 3B Jonathan India from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Lyon Richardson to Louisville (IL). Returned 2B Alejo Lopez and RHP Carson Spiers to Louisville (IL).
Los Angeles Dodgers: Selected the contract of RHP Wander Suero from Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed RHP Gus Varland on the 10-day IL.
Miami Marlins: Optioned LHP Emmanuel De Jesus to Jacksonville (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Daniel Castano from Jacksonville.

COLLEGES

Michigan State: Suspended football coach Mel Tucker.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

THURSDAY'S GAMES
SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman (1-1) at Miami (2-0), 7:30
Navy (1-1) at Memphis (2-0), 7:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Virginia (0-2) at Maryland (2-0), 7

SOUTHWEST
Army (1-1) at UTSA (1-1), 7

WEST
Utah State (1-1) at Air Force (2-0), 8

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Liberty (2-0) at Buffalo (0-2), noon
Holy Cross (1-1) at Yale (0-0), noon
Cornell (0-0) at Lehigh (1-1), noon
Florida State (2-0) at Boston College (1-1), noon
Columbia (0-0) at Lafayette (1-1), 12:30
Stonehill (1-1) at Georgetown (2-0), 12:30
Wagner (0-2) at Sacred Heart (0-2), 1
St. Thomas (Minn.) (1-1) at Harvard (0-0), 1
Campbell (1-1) at Monmouth (N.J.) (1-1), 1
Penn (0-0) at Colgate (0-2), 1
Davidson (0-2) at Marist (0-1), 1
Norfolk State (1-1) at Temple (1-1), 2
Rhode Island (1-1) at Maine (0-2), 3:30
Virginia Tech (1-1) at Rutgers (2-0), 3:30
Howard (1-1) vs. Hampton (1-1) , 3:30
FIU (2-1) at Connecticut (0-2), 3:30
Brown (0-0) at Bryant (1-1), 4
Va. Lynchburg (0-1) at Merrimack (0-2), 6
Towson (0-2) at Morgan State (1-1), 6
St. Francis (Pa.) (0-2) at Delaware (1-1), 6
Dartmouth (0-0) at New Hampshire (1-1), 6
Pittsburgh (1-1) at West Virginia (1-1), 7:30

SOUTH
Wake Forest (2-0) at Old Dominion (1-1), noon
LSU (1-1) at Mississippi State (2-0), noon
VMI (1-1) at North Carolina State (1-1), 2
Florida Memorial (0-0) at Grambling State (0-2), 3
Northwestern (1-1) at Duke (2-0), 3:30
Delaware State (0-2) at Richmond (0-2), 3:30
Alabama (1-1) at South Florida (1-1), 3:30
South Carolina (1-1) at Georgia (2-0), 3:30
East Carolina (0-2) at Appalachian State (1-1), 3:30
Minnesota (2-0) at North Carolina (2-0), 3:30
Tulane (1-1) at Southern Mississippi (1-1), 4
William & Mary (2-0) at Charleston Southern (1-1), 4
Furman (1-1) at Kennesaw State (1-1), 5
Presbyterian (1-1) at Wofford (0-2), 6
West Florida (0-0) at Florida A&M (1-1), 6
Gardner-Webb (1-1) at Tennessee State (1-1), 6
Georgia State (2-0) at Charlotte (1-1), 6
Western Carolina (1-1) at Eastern Kentucky (0-2), 6
North Carolina A&T (0-2) at Elon (0-2), 6
The Citadel (0-2) at Chattanooga (1-1), 6
Villanova (2-0) at UCF (2-0), 6:30
MVSU (0-1) at Delta State (0-0), 7
Duquesne (1-1) at Coastal Carolina (1-1), 7
McNeese State (0-2) at Alcorn State (0-2), 7
North Alabama (1-2) at Tennessee Tech (0-2), 7
Houston Christian (1-1) at UT Martin (1-1), 7
Murray State (1-1) at Middle Tennessee (0-2), 7
James Madison (2-0) at Troy (1-1), 7
Samford (1-1) at Auburn (2-0), 7
Stephen F. Austin (1-1) at Northwestern State (0-2), 7
Alabama A&M (1-1) at Southern U. (0-2), 7
North Texas (0-2) at Louisiana Tech (2-1), 7
Louisiana Lafayette (1-1) at UAB (1-1), 7
Tennessee (2-0) at Florida (1-1), 7
ETSU (1-1) at Austin Peay (0-2), 7
Akron (1-1) at Kentucky (2-0), 7:30
Georgia Tech (1-1) at Mississippi (2-0), 7:30
FAU (1-1) at Clemson (1-1), 8

MIDWEST
Penn St. (2-0) at Illinois (1-1), noon
Kansas St. (2-0) at Missouri (2-0), noon
Central Connecticut State (1-1) at Kent State (0-2), noon
Iowa State (1-1) at Ohio (2-1), noon
Indiana (1-1) vs. Louisville (2-0) at Indianapolis, noon
Georgia Southern (2-0) at Wisconsin (1-1), noon
Taylor (0-1) at Dayton (1-1), 1
Robert Morris (1-1) at Youngstown State (1-1), 2
Indiana St. (0-2) at Ball State (0-2), 2
Massachusetts (1-2) at E. Michigan (1-1), 2
Lamar (0-2) at South Dakota (1-1), 2
Cent. Michigan (1-1) at Notre Dame (3-0), 2:30
Illinois State (2-0) at Eastern Illinois (1-1), 3
Western Michigan (1-1) at Iowa (2-0), 3:30
Cent. Arkansas (1-1) at North Dakota State (2-0), 3:30
South Dakota State (2-0) vs. Drake (0-2), 3:30
Western Kentucky (2-0) at Ohio State (2-0), 4
Washington (2-0) at Michigan State (2-0), 5
Wabash (0-0) at Butler (1-1), 6
Lindenwood (Mo.) (1-1) at Western Illinois (0-2), 7
South Illinois (2-0) at SE Missouri (1-1), 7
Miami (Ohio) (1-1) at Cincinnati (2-0), 7
San Jose State (1-2) at Toledo (1-1), 7
North Illinois (1-1) at Nebraska (0-2), 7
Syracuse (2-0) at Purdue (1-1), 7:30
Bowling Green (1-1) at Michigan (2-0), 7:30

SOUTHWEST
LIU Brooklyn (0-2) at Baylor (0-2), noon
Oklahoma (2-0) at Tulsa (1-1), 3:30
Louisiana Monroe (2-0) at Texas A&M (1-1), 4
Miles (1-0) at Arkansas Pine Bluff (0-2), 5
Stony Brook (0-2) at Arkansas State (0-2), 7
Prairie View (1-1) at SMU (1-1), 7
Tarleton State (2-0) at Texas Tech (0-2), 7
South Alabama (1-1) at Oklahoma State (2-0), 7
Texas Southern (0-2) at Rice (1-1), 7
BYU (2-0) at Arkansas (2-0), 7:30
Wyoming (2-0) at Texas (2-0), 8
Incarnate Word (1-1) at Abilene Christian (2-0), 8
TCU (1-1) at Houston (1-1), 8
Jackson State (2-1) at Texas State (1-1), 8:30

WEST
North Dakota (2-0) at Boise State (0-2), noon
Weber State (2-0) at Utah (2-0), 2
Stetson (2-0) at Montana State (1-1), 3
San Diego State (2-1) at Oregon State (2-0), 3:30
North American University (0-0) at Portland State (0-2), 4
SE Louisiana (0-2) at Eastern Washington (0-2), 4
Princeton (0-0) at San Diego (0-2), 4
Idaho (2-0) at California (1-1), 4
Utah Tech (0-2) at Northern Arizona (0-2), 4
North Carolina Central (2-0) at UCLA (2-0), 5
Northern Colorado (0-2) at Washington State (2-0), 5
Northern Iowa (0-2) at Idaho State (0-2), 6
Vanderbilt (2-1) at UNLV (1-1), 7
New Mexico State (1-2) at New Mexico (1-1), 8
Sacramento State (2-0) at Stanford (1-1), 8
Hawaii (1-2) at Oregon (2-0), 8
Lincoln University (CA) (0-0) at Cal Poly (1-1), 8
Ferris State (0-0) at Montana (2-0), 8
Southern Utah (0-2) at UC Davis (1-1), 10
Colorado State (0-1) at Colorado (2-0), 10
Kansas (2-0) at Nevada (0-2), 10:30
Fresno State (2-0) at Arizona State (1-1), 10:30
UTEP (1-2) at Arizona (1-1), 11

TENNIS

U.S. Open

At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
In New York
Purse: $7,133,600
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — CHAMPIONSHIP
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — CHAMPIONSHIP
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Erin Routliffe (16), New Zealand, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Laura Siegemund (12), Germany, 7-6 (11-9), 6-3.

U.S. OPEN MEN'S CHAMPIONS
2023: Novak Djokovic
2022: Carlos Alcaraz
2021: Daniil Medvedev
2020: Dominic Thiem
2019: Rafael Nadal
2018: Novak Djokovic
2017: Rafael Nadal
2016: Stan Wawrinka
2015: Novak Djokovic
2014: Marin Cilic
2013: Rafael Nadal
2012: Andy Murray
2011: Novak Djokovic
2010: Rafael Nadal
2009: Juan Martin del Potro
2008: Roger Federer
2007: Roger Federer
2006: Roger Federer
2005: Roger Federer
2004: Roger Federer
2003: Andy Roddick
2002: Pete Sampras
2001: Lleyton Hewitt
2000: Marat Safin
1999: Andre Agassi
1998: Patrick Rafter
1997: Patrick Rafter
1996: Pete Sampras
1995: Pete Sampras
1994: Andre Agassi
1993: Pete Sampras
1992: Stefan Edberg
1991: Stefan Edberg
1990: Pete Sampras
1989: Boris Becker
1988: Mats Wilander
1987: Ivan Lendl
1986: Ivan Lendl
1985: Ivan Lendl
1984: John McEnroe
1983: Jimmy Connors
1982: Jimmy Connors
1981: John McEnroe
1980: John McEnroe
1979: John McEnroe
1978: Jimmy Connors
1977: Guillermo Vilas
1976: Jimmy Connors
1975: Manuel Orantes
1974: Jimmy Connors
1973: John Newcombe
1972: Ilie Nastase
1971: Stan Smith
1970: Ken Rosewall

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	17	4	6	57	44	30
New England	13	5	9	48	46	32
Orlando City	13	6	8	47	41	31
Philadelphia	14	8	4	46	47	31
Columbus	13	8	6	45	54	37
Atlanta	11	8	9	42	51	43
Nashville	11	9	7	40	32	27
CF Montréal	11	14	2	35	28	40
D.C. United	9	12	7	34	37	38
Chicago	8	11	8	32	32	42
Charlotte FC	7	9	10	31	34	43
New York City FC	6	10	12	30	28	36
New York	7	12	8	29	24	33
Inter Miami CF	8	14	4	28	30	39
Toronto FC	4	13	10	22	23	39

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis City SC	15	10	3	48	55	37
Seattle	11	9	8	41	34	29
Los Angeles FC	11	9	7	40	40	32
Real Salt Lake	11	9	7	40	38	39
Houston	11	10	6	39	36	31
Vancouver	10	8	8	38	43	36
Minnesota United	9	8	10	37	34	33
San Jose	9	9	10	37	32	36
FC Dallas	9	10	7	34	29	30
Austin FC	9	12	6	33	38	43
Portland	8	11	9	33	34	44
Sporting KC	8	12	8	32	38	40
LA Galaxy	7	10	9	30	33	41
Colorado	3	13	10	19	16	39

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
at D.C. United 4, Chicago 0
Vancouver 1, at New York City FC 1
Orlando City 1, at Cincinnati 0
Columbus 4, at CF Montréal 2
Austin FC 2, at New England 2
Atlanta 2, at FC Dallas 2
at Sporting KC 2, St. Louis City SC 1
Charlotte FC 1, at Nashville 1
at Real Salt Lake 2, Colorado 0
Houston 0, at LA Galaxy 0
Minnesota 1, at San Jose 1
Portland 2, at Seattle 2

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
at Philadelphia 4, New York 1
Miami 3, at Los Angeles FC 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
San Jose 0, at D.C. United 0
at Miami 3, Sporting KC 2
New England 1, at Minnesota 1
at Portland 2, Los Angeles FC 0

SUNDAY'S RESULT
St. Louis City SC 2, at LA Galaxy 2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30
New York at New York City FC, 3:30
Miami at Atlanta, 5
Chicago at CF Montréal, 7:30
Columbus at Orlando City, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30
Vancouver at Toronto FC, 7:30
Seattle at FC Dallas, 8:30
St. Louis City SC at Houston, 8:30
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 8:30
New England at Colorado, 9:30
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
Portland at Austin FC, 8:30

Saint Louis City SC 2, Galaxy 2

ST. LOUIS CITY SC	2	0	2
LOS ANGELES GALAXY	0	2	2

First Half: 1, St. Louis City SC, Adeniran, 7 (Stroud), 4th minute; 2, St. Louis City SC, Klauss, 6 (Jackson), 28th.
Second Half: 3, Los Angeles Galaxy, Puig, 6 (penalty kick), 53rd; 4, Los Angeles Galaxy, Sharp, 2 (Rosell), 82nd.
Goalies: St. Louis City SC, Roman Burki, Ben Lundt; Los Angeles Galaxy, Jonathan Bond, Novak Micovic.
Yellow Cards: Nilsson, St. Louis City SC, 22nd; Mavinga, Los Angeles Galaxy, 50th; Adeniran, St. Louis City SC, 52nd; Markanich, St. Louis City SC, 82nd; Hiebert, St. Louis City SC, 85th; Cuevas, Los Angeles Galaxy, 90th+2.
St. Louis City SC, Roman Burki; Anthony Markanich, Joakim Nilsson (Kyle Hiebert, 78th), Tim Parker; Njabulo Blom, Aziel Jackson (Theyr Nokkvi Thorisson, 78th), Eduard Lowen (Joshua Yaro, 78th), Jared Stroud (Indiana Vassilev, 90th+3), Akil Watts; Samuel Adeniran, Klauss (Nicholas Gioacchini, 71st).
Los Angeles Galaxy, Jonathan Bond; Julian Aude, Mauricio Cuevas (Daniel Aguirre, 90th+5), Chris Mavinga, Maya Yoshida; Edwin Cerrillo (Marky Delgado, 46th), Douglas Costa (Diego Fagundez, 68th), Riqui Puig, Oriol Rosell; Tyler Boyd (Preston Judd, 88th), Dejan Joveljic (Billy Sharp, 68th).

MLS LEADERS
Entering Sunday's match.

GOALS

Hany Mukhtar, NSH	14
Luciano Acosta, CIN	13
Giorgos Giakoumakis, ATL	13
Alan Pulido, KC	13
Denis Bouanga, LFC	12
Julian Carranza, PHI	12
Cristian Espinoza, SJ	12
Daniel Gazdag, PHI	11
Facundo Torres, ORL	11

7 players tied with 10

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	6	3	30	26	20
Portland	8	5	5	29	38	25
North Carolina	8	6	4	28	26	19
OL Reign	8	7	3	27	25	21
Gotham FC	7	5	6	27	21	19
Washington	6	4	8	26	24	25
Louisville	5	4	9	24	22	18
Angel City	6	6	6	24	22	25
Orlando	7	10	1	22	21	24
Houston	4	6	8	20	12	15
Chicago	6	10	2	20	22	39
Kansas City	6	11	1	19	19	28

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
Angel City 1, at Kansas City 0

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
Gotham FC 3, at North Carolina 3
at Louisville 2, Portland 1

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
Chicago 2, at Washington 0
at OL Reign 1, Orlando 0
at San Diego 1, Houston 0

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
Houston at Louisville, 7:30

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
Washington at Gotham FC, 7:30
Kansas City at San Diego, 10
OL Reign at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
Angel City at Chicago, 6
North Carolina at Orlando, 7

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21
Orlando at Angel City, 10

English Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man City	4	4	0	0	11	2	12
Tottenham	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
Liverpool	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
West Ham	4	3	1	0	9	4	10
Arsenal	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
Brighton	4	3	0	1	12	6	9
Crystal Palace	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Brentford	4	1	3	0	8	5	6
Nottingham Forest	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
Aston Villa	4	2	0	2	8	9	6
Man United	4	2	0	2	5	7	6
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Fulham	4	1	1	2	4	10	4
Newcastle	4	1	0	3	7	7	3
Wolverhampton	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
Bournemouth	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Sheffield United	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
Everton	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
Luton Town	3	0	0	3	2	9	0
Burnley	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
Sheffield United 2, Everton 2
Brentford 2, Bournemouth 2
Tottenham 5, Burnley 2
Nottingham Forest 1, Chelsea 0
Man City 5, Fulham 1
Brighton 3, Newcastle 1

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
Crystal Palace 3, Wolverhampton 2
Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 0
Arsenal 3, Man United 1

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
Wolverhampton vs. Liverpool, 7:30 a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.
Fulham vs. Luton Town, 10 a.m.
Man United vs. Brighton, 10 a.m.
Tottenham vs. Sheffield United, 10 a.m.
West Ham vs. Man City, 10 a.m.
Newcastle vs. Brentford, 12:30

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
Bournemouth vs. Chelsea, 9 a.m.
Everton vs. Arsenal, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18
Nottingham Forest vs. Burnley, 2:45

GOLF

LPGA Tour

QUEEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
At Kendale Course; in Cincinnati
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,515; **Par:** 72

FINAL ROUND
(x-won on second playoff hole)

$300,000		
x-Minjee Lee	67 69 65 71	— 272
$181,723		
Charley Hull	67 68 68 69	— 272
$131,827		
Ruoning Yin	68 66 73 67	— 274
$101,979		
Ally Ewing	69 70 71 66	— 276
$56,545		
Peiyun Chien	66 64 73 74	— 277
Ariya Jutanugarn	69 69 68 71	— 277
Mi Hyang Lee	74 68 68 67	— 277
Morgane Metraux	68 66 70 73	— 277
Mel Reid	71 69 71 66	— 277
Yuka Saso	69 66 70 72	— 277
$34,921		
Hye Jin Choi	67 72 71 68	— 278
Cydney Clanton	71 69 69 69	— 278
Andrea Lee	71 67 69 71	— 278
$29,748		
Frida Kinhult	70 72 66 71	— 279
Madelene Sagstrom	69 68 68 74	— 279
$25,934		
Nasa Hataoka	73 63 72 72	— 280
Alexa Pano	73 66 70 71	— 280
Pavarisa Yoktuan	68 70 72 70	— 280
$22,485		
Esther Henseleit	70 70 73 68	— 281
Xiyu Lin	73 69 71 68	— 281
Gaby Lopez	71 71 68 71	— 281
Lexi Thompson	73 68 71 69	— 281
$17,983		
Perrine Delacour	67 69 74 72	— 282
Brooke Henderson	71 69 76 66	— 282
Dani Holmqvist	69 71 73 69	— 282
Yealimi Noh	68 71 71 72	— 282
Paula Reto	73 66 69 74	— 282
Hae-Ran Ryu	67 75 73 67	— 282
Jenny Shin	70 72 73 67	— 282
Mariah Stackhouse	73 69 70 70	— 282
$13,849		
Moriya Jutanugarn	69 73 70 71	— 283
Jennifer Kupcho	69 70 72 72	— 283
Emily Pedersen	67 69 78 69	— 283
Elizabeth Szokol	66 71 75 71	— 283
Rose Zhang	70 68 73 72	— 283
$11,262		
Na Rin An	72 71 71 70	— 284
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	70 70 72 72	— 284
Azahara Munoz	71 69 75 69	— 284
Gabriela Ruffels	69 69 74 72	— 284
Hinako Shibuno	73 70 68 73	— 284
$8,681		
Lauren Coughlin	70 72 75 68	— 285
Dana Fall	73 69 72 71	— 285
Lydia Ko	68 73 72 72	— 285
Stephanie Kyriacou	71 72 73 69	— 285
Pernilla Lindberg	70 71 73 71	— 285
Yuna Nishimura	72 69 73 71	— 285
Linnea Strom	66 70 78 71	— 285
Samantha Wagner	72 69 74 70	— 285
$6,682		
Maria Fassi	68 71 79 68	— 286
Muni He	73 70 70 73	— 286
Yan Liu	71 72 68 75	— 286
Ruixin Liu	65 69 81 71	— 286
Stephanie Meadow	68 71 76 71	— 286
Jasmine Suwannapura	74 69 73 70	— 286
$5,571		
Linnea Johansson	68 74 73 72	— 287
Sarah Kemp	72 71 73 71	— 287
Dewi Weber	73 68 71 75	— 287
Arpichaya Yubol	71 70 74 72	— 287
Weiwei Zhang	71 71 75 70	— 287
$4,975		
Sei Young Kim	75 68 73 72	— 288
$4,676		
Dottie Ardina	66 74 80 69	— 289
Jaravee Boonchant	70 73 75 71	— 289
A Lim Kim	75 68 74 72	— 289
Gina Kim	72 69 73 75	— 289
Jeong Eun Lee5	72 70 76 71	— 289
$4,228		
Brittany Altomare	69 74 76 71	— 290
Lauren Hartlage	69 73 78 70	— 290
Christina Kim	70 71 75 74	— 290
Angel Yin	71 71 72 76	— 290
$3,930		
Olivia Cowan	73 67 78 73	— 291
Sydnee Michaels	69 72 77 73	— 291
Jennifer Song	70 72 75 74	— 291
$3,805		
Yu Liu	74 69 76 73	— 292
Mariajo Uribe	68 73 74 77	— 292
$3,664		
Ines Laklalech	69 74 78 72	— 293
Pornanong Phatlum	70 73 72 78	— 293
Bailey Tardy	69 73 74 77	— 293
Gabriella Then	69 73 75 76	— 293
$3,548		
Xiaowen Yin	72 71 80 71	— 294
$3,503		
Lindy Duncan	71 72 75 78	— 296

DP World Tour

IRISH OPEN
At K Club; inKildare, Ireland
Purse: $6 million
Yardage: 7,441; **Par:** 72

FINAL ROUND

$951,047			
Vincent Norrman (1000)	68 71 70 65	— 274	-14
$615,383			
Hurly Long (667)	67 66 70 72	— 275	-13
$266,293			
Grant Forrest (285)	70 67 69 70	— 276	-12
Ryan Fox (285)	71 69 66 70	— 276	-12
Thriston Lawrence (285)	72 65 73 66	— 276	-12
Shane Lowry (285)	68 68 72 68	— 276	-12
$129,566			
Nick Bachem (138)	70 72 66 69	— 277	-11
Rikuya Hoshino (138)	72 69 68 68	— 277	-11
Min Woo Lee (138)	71 67 69 70	— 277	-11
Shubhankar Sharma (138)	65 66 75 71	— 277	-11
Connor Syme (138)	69 72 70 66	— 277	-11
$88,531			
Daniel Hillier (94)	68 71 70 69	— 278	-10
Joost Luiten (94)	67 70 71 70	— 278	-10
Marcel Schneider (94)	66 71 70 71	— 278	-10
Jordan L. Smith (94)	66 65 73 74	— 278	-10
$70,170			
Julien Brun (75)	67 70 69 73	— 279	-9
Kristian Krogh Johannessen (75)	66 74 69 70	— 279	-9
Rory McIlroy (75)	69 70 66 74	— 279	-9
Guido Migliozzi (75)	69 66 74 70	— 279	-9
Marcel Siem (75)	71 67 70 71	— 279	-9
Erik Van Rooyen (75)	71 70 71 67	— 279	-9
Paul Waring (75)	71 69 70 69	— 279	-9
$53,986			
Thomas Detry (58)	71 68 69 72	— 280	-8
Nacho Elvira (58)	70 67 74 69	— 280	-8
Ross Fisher (58)	66 66 74 74	— 280	-8
Calum Hill (58)	69 65 72 74	— 280	-8
Romain Langasque (58)	71 66 71 72	— 280	-8
David Law (58)	70 72 70 68	— 280	-8
Mikael Lindberg (58)	67 71 73 69	— 280	-8
Adrian Meronk (58)	69 70 71 70	— 280	-8
Matthew Southgate (58)	72 70 70 68	— 280	-8
Sami Valimaki (58)	71 69 71 69	— 280	-8
$40,839			
Kiradech Aphibarnrat (46)	70 72 69 70	— 281	-7
Jorge Campillo (46)	70 71 72 68	— 281	-7
Alejandro Del Rey (46)	75 66 70 70	— 281	-7
John Parry (46)	68 69 71 73	— 281	-7
Mark Power (46)	68 71 70 72	— 281	-7
Gunner Wiebe (46)	68 73 70 70	— 281	-7
$33,566			
Bryce Easton (39)	74 68 73 67	— 282	-6
Julien Guerrier (39)	71 71 69 71	— 282	-6
Pablo Larrazabal (39)	69 69 73 71	— 282	-6
Tom McKibbin (39)	72 70 70 70	— 282	-6
Aaron Rai (39)	70 70 71 71	— 282	-6
Nicolai von Dellingshausen (39)	68 72 71 71	— 282	-6
$25,175			
Jens Dantor (30)	71 70 72 70	— 283	-5
Luke Donald (30)	68 72 71 72	— 283	-5
Billy Horschel (30)	69 72 66 76	— 283	-5
Scott Jamieson (30)	69 66 77 71	— 283	-5
Niklas Norgaard Moller (30)	69 69 75 70	— 283	-5
James Morrison (30)	72 70 70 71	— 283	-5
Thorbjorn Olesen (30)	71 71 74 67	— 283	-5
Adrian Otaegui (30)	71 71 67 74	— 283	-5
Yannik Paul (30)	68 73 72 70	— 283	-5
$17,902			
Hennie Du Plessis (20)	69 73 72 70	— 284	-4
Ewen Ferguson (20)	70 72 71 71	— 284	-4
Alex Fitzpatrick (20)	69 69 75 71	— 284	-4
Richard Mansell (20)	69 71 68 76	— 284	-4
Tapio Pulkkanen (20)	70 72 71 71	— 284	-4
Jason Scrivener (20)	69 68 76 71	— 284	-4
Sebastian Soderberg (20)	68 73 71 72	— 284	-4
$13,427			
Wu Ashun (15)	67 74 71 73	— 285	-3
Louis De Jager (15)	72 67 76 70	— 285	-3
Gavin Green (15)	69 68 77 71	— 285	-3
Kazuki Higa (15)	70 69 71 75	— 285	-3
Daan Huizing (15)	70 72 77 66	— 285	-3
Richie Ramsay (15)	74 68 74 69	— 285	-3
Callum Shinkwin (15)	72 69 71 73	— 285	-3
Matt Wallace (15)	71 71 73 70	— 285	-3
Jeunghun Wang (15)	68 74 72 71	— 285	-3
$9,510			
Marcus Helligkilde (11)	74 68 75 69	— 286	-2
Fabrizio Zanotti (11)	68 71 74 73	— 286	-2
$8,380			
Matthew Baldwin (9)	72 69 74 72	— 287	-1
Todd Clements (9)	69 72 73 73	— 287	-1
Aaron Cockerill (9)	73 66 76 72	— 287	-1
Soren Kjeldsen (9)	70 71 76 70	— 287	-1
Conor Purcell (9)	74 68 71 74	— 287	-1
Freddy Schott (9)	71 64 77 75	— 287	-1
Andrew Wilson (9)	76 66 75 70	— 287	-1

PGA Tour Champions

ASCENSION CHARITY CLASSIC
At West Course; St. Louis
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,992; **Par:** 71

FINAL ROUND

Steve Flesch	66 66 62	— 194	-19
Kevin Sutherland	64 66 67	— 197	-16
Brett Quigley	68 64 68	— 200	-13
Y.E. Yang	64 66 70	— 200	-13
Ken Duke	66 65 70	— 201	-12
Colin Montgomerie	71 64 66	— 201	-12
David Toms	68 66 67	— 201	-12
Richard Green	68 69 65	— 202	-11
Timothy O'Neal	64 71 67	— 202	-11
John Huston	69 67 67	— 203	-10
Bernhard Langer	68 69 66	— 203	-10
Wes Short	65 69 69	— 203	-10
Ken Tanigawa	68 70 66	— 204	-9
Brian Gay	65 70 70	— 205	-8
Jeff Maggert	69 68 68	— 205	-8
Kirk Triplett	67 69 69	— 205	-8
Shane Bertsch	69 70 67	— 206	-7
Kris Blanks	71 68 67	— 206	-7
Jerry Kelly	70 71 65	— 206	-7
Billy Mayfair	64 70 72	— 206	-7
Dicky Pride	68 69 69	— 206	-7
Paul Stankowski	69 70 67	— 206	-7
Billy Andrade	68 69 70	— 207	-6
David Branshaw	68 66 73	— 207	-6
K.J. Choi	70 68 69	— 207	-6
Ernie Els	68 70 69	— 207	-6
Mark Hensby	70 72 65	— 207	-6
Kenny Perry	67 69 71	— 207	-6
Paul Goydos	68 68 72	— 208	-5
Simon Griffiths	68 72 68	— 208	-5
Thongchai Jaidee	70 69 69	— 208	-5
Rob Labritz	70 71 67	— 208	-5
Jason Bohn	68 73 68	— 209	-4
Marco Dawson	70 69 70	— 209	-4
Joe Durant	67 70 72	— 209	-4
Robert Karlsson	71 68 70	— 209	-4
Rocco Mediate	68 69 72	— 209	-4
Rod Pampling	71 67 71	— 209	-4
Tim Petrovic	67 68 74	— 209	-4
Notah Begay	68 70 72	— 210	-3
Olin Browne	69 70 71	— 210	-3
Alex Cejka	66 71 73	— 210	-3
Darren Clarke	69 71 70	— 210	-3
Retief Goosen	66 73 71	— 210	-3
Stephen Ames	73 68 70	— 211	-2
Stuart Appleby	70 69 72	— 211	-2
Robert Damron	70 73 68	— 211	-2
Jesper Parnevik	72 67 72	— 211	-2
Scott Verplank	71 70 70	— 211	-2
Bob Estes	71 74 67	— 212	-1
Lee Janzen	72 71 69	— 212	-1
Tom Pernice	72 69 72	— 213	E
Jeff Sluman	73 69 71	— 213	E
Charlie Wi	67 71 75	— 213	E
Paul Broadhurst	71 72 71	— 214	+1
Scott Dunlap	68 71 75	— 214	+1
Harrison Frazar	74 71 69	— 214	+1
Justin Leonard	71 73 70	— 214	+1
Scott McCarron	69 77 68	— 214	+1
Jose Maria Olazabal	69 70 75	— 214	+1
Woody Austin	72 72 71	— 215	+2
Chris DiMarco	69 74 72	— 215	+2
Glen Day	71 70 75	— 216	+3
Fred Funk	71 74 71	— 216	+3
David Duval	68 76 73	— 217	+4
Carlos Franco	70 70 77	— 217	+4
David McKenzie	74 69 74	— 217	+4
John Senden	75 71 71	— 217	+4
Duffy Waldorf	72 75 70	— 217	+4
Boo Weekley	71 73 73	— 217	+4
Brian Cooper	71 75 72	— 218	+5
Corey Pavin	74 72 72	— 218	+5
Jay Williamson	78 74 70	— 222	+9
Jay Delsing	69 74 80	— 223	+10
Tim Herron	76 74 74	— 224	+11
Tom Lehman	68 76 WD		

World Golf Ranking

Through Tuesday.

1.	Scottie Scheffler	11.66
2.	Rory McIlroy	11.07
3.	Jon Rahm	9.57
4.	Viktor Hovland	7.67
5.	Patrick Cantlay	7.47
6.	Xander Schauffele	6.78
7.	Max Homa	5.39
8.	Matt Fitzpatrick	5.23
9.	Brian Harman	5.07
10.	Wyndham Clark	4.92
11.	Cameron Smith	4.50
12.	Jordan Spieth	4.41
13.	Tyrrell Hatton	4.30
14.	Tommy Fleetwood	4.19
15.	Brooks Koepka	4.19
16.	Keegan Bradley	4.11
17.	Cameron Young	4.10
18.	Tom Kim	4.07
19.	Collin Morikawa	3.99
20.	Sam Burns	3.92
21.	Tony Finau	3.89
22.	Jason Day	3.70
23.	Sepp Straka	3.69
24.	Will Zalatoris	3.60
25.	Justin Thomas	3.56
26.	Rickie Fowler	3.54
27.	Sungjae Im	3.48
28.	Russell Henley	3.40
29.	Kurt Kitayama	3.10
30.	Lucas Glover	3.02
31.	Corey Conners	2.91
32.	Denny McCarthy	2.74
33.	Emiliano Grillo	2.74
34.	Justin Rose	2.72
35.	Hideki Matsuyama	2.71
36.	Sahith Theegala	2.69
37.	Shane Lowry	2.67
38.	Si Woo Kim	2.60
39.	Harris English	2.54
40.	Adam Scott	2.37
41.	Adam Schenk	2.37
42.	J.T. Poston	2.37
43.	Chris Kirk	2.23
44.	Taylor Moore	2.19
45.	Nick Taylor	2.17
46.	Ryan Fox	2.16
47.	Tom Hoge	2.14
48.	Billy Horschel	2.10
49.	Cameron Davis	2.09
50.	Min Woo Lee	2.06

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

HOLLYWOOD CASINO 400
At Kansas Speedway; in Kansas City, Kan.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 268 laps, 51 points.
2. (14) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 268, 48.
3. (19) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 268, 39.
4. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 268, 43.
5. (11) Joey Logano, Ford, 268, 35.
6. (4) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 268, 41.
7. (35) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 268, 30.
8. (1) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 268, 38.
9. (12) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 268, 41.
10. (23) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 268, 27.
11. (20) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 268, 34.
12. (17) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 268, 35.
13. (6) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 268, 31.
14. (36) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 268, 23.
15. (9) William Byron, Chevrolet, 268, 22.
16. (15) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 268, 21.
17. (25) Aric Almirola, Ford, 268, 20.
18. (28) Ryan Preece, Ford, 268, 19.
19. (26) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 268, 18.
20. (21) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 268, 0.
21. (30) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 268, 16.
22. (24) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 268, 15.
23. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 268, 14.
24. (27) Cole Custer, Ford, 268, 0.
25. (32) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 267, 12.
26. (7) Michael McDowell, Ford, 267, 11.
27. (13) Chris Buescher, Ford, 267, 12.
28. (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 9.
29. (34) Sheldon Creed, Chevrolet, 266, 0.
30. (22) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 266, 7.
31. (18) Austin Cindric, Ford, 266, 6.
32. (10) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 264, 14.
33. (8) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 259, 4.
34. (31) JJ Yeley, Ford, dvp, 212, 0.
35. (29) Harrison Burton, Ford, dvp, 175, 2.
36. (3) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, accident, 3, 1.

RACE STATISTICS
Average Speed of Race Winner: 125.213 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 12 minutes, 38 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.327 seconds.
Caution Flags: 9 for 45 laps.
Lead Changes: 19 among 10 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Bell 0-9; K.Larson 10-39; A.Almirola 40-42; K.Larson 43-66; B.Wallace 67-69; K.Larson 70-109; J.Yeley 110; K.Larson 111-114; C.Elliott 115-131; K.Larson 132; C.Elliott 133-162; B.Keselowski 163-171; D.Hamlin 172; B.Keselowski 173-186; D.Hamlin 187-215; C.Bell 216-221; D.Suárez 222-230; D.Hamlin 231-263; D.Suárez 264-266; T.Reddick 267-268
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Larson, 5 times for 99 laps; D.Hamlin, 3 times for 63 laps; C.Elliott, 2 times for 47 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 23 laps; C.Bell, 2 times for 15 laps; D.Suárez, 2 times for 12 laps; A.Almirola, 1 time for 3 laps; B.Wallace, 1 time for 3 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 2 laps; J.Yeley, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: W.Byron, 5; K.Larson, 3; C.Buescher, 3; M.Truex, 3; K.Busch, 3; D.Hamlin, 2; T.Reddick, 1; R.Blaney, 1; R.Chastain, 1; J.Logano, 1; C.Bell, 1; R.Stenhouse, 1; M.McDowell, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. W.Byron, 2075; 2. K.Larson, 2074; 3. T.Reddick, 2060; 4. C.Buescher, 2057; 5. D.Hamlin, 2057; 6. M.Truex, 2055; 7. K.Busch, 2050; 8. B.Keselowski, 2048; 9. R.Blaney, 2046; 10. R.Chastain, 2043; 11. J.Logano, 2033; 12. C.Bell, 2031; 13. B.Wallace, 2030; 14. K.Harvick, 2029; 15. R.Stenhouse, 2027; 16. M.McDowell, 2012.

NASCAR DRIVER RATING FORMULA
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Washington State, abandoned but not forgotten, storms the field — and the scene

On Football

CHUCK CULPEPPER

Field-stormings vary.

Happen upon one at Auburn after Auburn beats Alabama, and the mass on the grass thickens so much that you might fret about some victim of delirium and other influences winding up lodged in those field-side hedges, re-watching the game on a phone on a loop, undiscovered until Monday morning when some hapless groundskeeper peers in.

In 2002 at Ohio State after a popular outcome against Michigan, the detritus raked into one end zone after a storming included *a pair of jeans*, hinting at the untold bravery of someone shedding them in the late-November air before heading home in, one hopes, boxers.

They had one at Colorado in the great Boulder on Saturday after Coach Deion Sanders et al. beat Nebraska, 36-14, to reach 2-0 as an attention-seizing vortex of the college football season, and that storming might have seemed one of those gratuitous stormings given Nebraska's moribund recent past. Forgive it. It sprang from years of the glumness of losing and indifference.

Stormings tend to fall in categories, even the manufactured ones, but . . .

The one they held at dusk Saturday up on the Palouse in Pullman, Wash., forged its own category.

It's not just a field-storming from the abandoned. It's historic.

It's the first field-storming from a fan base left behind by a lunatic national realignment of conferences so gutting that it leaves a venerable conference (the Pac-12) shorn to two programs, including that fan base (Washington State) whose nationally ranked victim Saturday (Wisconsin) belongs to one of the conferences (Big Ten) that snubbed it.

Yeah, it's tangled.

"I think the coolest thing was," fifth-year edge rusher Brennan Jackson told reporters in Pullman, "when the fans rushed the field, a bunch of them came up to me and they're like, 'Thank you for staying.' Right? I think that just means the world because for us, like, we're bred [Cougars], we want to be here, and that's what we bleed, we bleed crimson and gray. So hearing that, it got me, like, a little teary-eyed because I'm like, 'Guys, you don't understand; thank you for giving us the opportunity for being here and wearing these colors and representing this university.' "



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The public address system played Wisconsin staple "Jump Around" as Cougars fans flooded the field.

Anyone else want to get teary right here?

To recap: In a sport governed by the whims and preferences and stultifying estimates of television networks, the Pac-12 had insufficient gigantic audiences for a variety of reasons, including that the American West is so gorgeous that people spend their Saturdays, say, hiking, rather than sedentarily gorging on beer and seven-bean dip. In the summer of 2022, Southern California and UCLA bolted for the Big Ten and its giant TV dollars, effective in 2024.

In the summer of 2023, Colorado, Utah, Arizona and Arizona State left for the Big 12, effective 2024; Oregon and Washington left for the Big Ten, effective 2024; and the ACC scooped up Stanford and California at a yard sale, effective 2024. Twelve minus 10 made two: Oregon State and Washington State, left to lurch around forlornly seeking refuge somewhere among the tiers, wherever the market might deposit them.

Wouldn't you know, Washington State's home opener happened to bring in No. 19 Wisconsin, which Washington State defeated, 17-14, last year in the great Madison.

Then, when the Cougars raged to a 24-6 lead and held on by 31-22 on Saturday behind quarterback Cam Ward, and the fans stormed out of the seats and down to the dance, video clips caught the public address system playing House of Pain's eternal 1992 "Jump Around," which happens to be the staple of Wisconsin as well as the best staple in all of college football.

That was some cold, cold DJing, right there.

Those who stormed the field emerged from an overflow crowd of 33,024, and that kind of number, lower than at other places, stands tall among the reasons a Washington State gets shunned in a country without a soul. The stormers couldn't fill the field, making it more likely that everyone retains their pants.

They stormed well after the second quarter had brought a moment worthy of a museum of the era, a museum to which entry would cost a bloody fortune. The ESPN broadcast showed Pat Chun, the Washington State athletic director, on the sideline doing a TV interview using words redolent of the era. He had just gotten near the ending of the sentence, "We need clarity on these issues," a pleading business sentence if ever there were one, when the game insisted on an interruption because Ron Stone Jr. had turned up in the backfield over Wisconsin quarterback Tanner Mordecai's left shoulder and had separated Mordecai from the burden of the football. That ball had bounced nicely to Stone's roomie and fellow edge rusher, Jackson, who had scored from two yards out.

Jackson had not lumbered or rumbled, for there hadn't been space. He sort of just teetered so beautifully into the end zone with a lineman draped on him and some crimson and some gray in his bloodstream. It epitomized the game's charms.

"We don't really buy into the underdog mentality," Stone told reporters. "We think we belong on the field with anyone else."

"I think this is another defining moment in WSU history," Jackson said. "For us, it's showing it doesn't matter what analysts say or what other people say about us. It's like, when you come to Pullman, you have to play a complete game or else we're going to beat you."

"There's a lot of things that I would really love to say," said 40-year-old Cougars Coach Jake Dickert, who knows the pathways of the tiers as a former wide receiver at Wisconsin Stevens Point. "But at the end of the day, our team belongs at the highest level. Our program does. That's in my heart. I believe that. I say that with a meaning."

And as for those "analysts" to whom Jackson referred, the key ones would be TV market analysts — an emblem, if ever there was one, of a land striving to become dreary.

The Cougars had themselves a night. They held Wisconsin to 90 rushing yards even if that factors in their three sacks, which statistically it should not. (It was 113 without and 4.3 per carry, with a long rush of 17.) They used the first home game of the nascent season to honor the late Mike Leach, who had brought eyeballs, fanfare and total yardage to Pullman across eight seasons (2012-19), concluding three years before his death in December while coaching Mississippi State. Cougars coaches wore shirts with pirate motifs reflecting Leach's fascination with pirates.

Those were the days, but now Dickert called this moment a "crux point" and saw his team "carrying the flag for all the transition, and I get that, and this is a pivotal moment of where we want to go."

With all that weight, it's a wonder anyone could storm the field.

AP TOP 25

		RECORD	PTS	PVS
1.	Georgia (55)	2-0	1540	1
2.	Michigan (2)	2-0	1458	2
3.	Florida State (3)	2-0	1413	4
4.	Texas (2)	2-0	1338	11
5.	Southern California	3-0	1269	6
6.	Ohio State	2-0	1265	5
7.	Penn State	2-0	1204	7
8.	Washington	2-0	1102	8
9.	Notre Dame	2-0	1015	10
10.	Alabama	1-1	953	3
11.	Tennessee	3-0	929	9
12.	Utah	2-0	847	12
13.	Oregon	2-0	827	13
14.	LSU	1-1	667	14
15.	Kansas State	2-0	636	15
16.	Oregon State	2-0	605	16
17.	Mississippi	2-0	505	20
18.	Colorado	2-0	481	22
19.	Oklahoma	2-0	453	18
20.	North Carolina	2-0	444	17
21.	Duke	2-0	421	NR
22.	Miami (Fla.)	1-1	230	NR
23.	Washington State	2-0	129	NR
24.	UCLA	2-0	107	NR
25.	Iowa	2-0	106	NR

Dropped Out: Texas A&M, Wisconsin, Tulane

Others receiving votes: Clemson 86, Arkansas 33, TCU 19, Kansas 19, Tulane 17, Wisconsin 10, Kentucky 5, Mississippi St. 5, Minnesota 3, Cincinnati 3, Fresno St. 2, Wyoming 1, Oklahoma St. 1, Maryland 1, James Madison 1.

COACHES POLL

		RECORD	PTS	PVS
1.	Georgia (64)	2-0	1624	1
2.	Michigan (1)	2-0	1533	2
3.	Florida State	2-0	1441	5
4.	Ohio State	2-0	1401	4
5.	Southern California	3-0	1319	6
6.	Texas	2-0	1318	10
7.	Penn State	2-0	1229	7
8.	Washington	2-0	1129	8
9.	Tennessee	2-0	1039	9
10.	Alabama	1-1	1016	3
11.	Notre Dame	3-0	1004	11
12.	Utah	2-0	893	12
13.	Oregon	2-0	870	13
14.	LSU	1-1	714	14
15.	Kansas State	2-0	675	15
16.	Oklahoma	2-0	584	17
17.	Oregon State	2-0	562	18
18.	North Carolina	2-0	506	16
19.	Mississippi	2-0	503	20
20.	Duke	2-0	363	24
21.	Colorado	2-0	357	25
22.	Clemson	1-1	207	21
23.	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	195	NR
24.	Iowa	2-0	166	NR
25.	UCLA	2-0	101	NR

Dropped Out: No. 19 Wisconsin, No. 22 Tulane

Others receiving votes: Washington State 80; Kentucky 38; TCU 26; Auburn 23; Texas A&M 21; Fresno State 21; Kansas 17; Tulane 16; Missouri 14; Maryland 14; Wake Forest 13; Oklahoma State 12; UCF 11; Arkansas 10; Syracuse 9; Cincinnati 8; Wisconsin 7; Mississippi State 7; Wyoming 6; Minnesota 6; Air Force 5; South Carolina 3; Memphis 3; Louisville 3; James Madison 2; Michigan State 1.



MIKE MULHOLLAND/GETTY IMAGES

A hearing to determine whether Mel Tucker violated university policy is scheduled for Oct. 5 and 6.

Spartans suspend Tucker amid probe

MICHIGAN STATE FROM D1

Michigan State played its first two games of the season with Tucker on the sideline. At a news conference Sunday afternoon, Michigan State Athletic Director Alan Haller said Tucker was not suspended after the July 25 submission of the external report because the investigative process was incomplete. A formal hearing, which is slated to determine whether Tucker violated the school's policy banning sexual harassment, is set for Oct. 5 and 6.

"The university's objective has been and remains focused on conducting a fair, thorough and unbiased investigation," Haller said. "This includes protecting confidentiality of the claimant and putting in place interim measures. The university's formal conclusion of the investigation will occur once the hearing and final decision processes are complete."

Haller said secondary coach Harlon Barnett would take over as interim head coach. Former Spartans head coach Mark Dantonio will aid him as an on-field assistant.

Now in his fourth season at Michigan State, Tucker signed a 10-year, $95 million contract extension in 2021. The Spartans sputtered to a 5-7 record last year but have opened this season with wins over Central Michigan and Richmond.

Attempts to reach Tracy and Tucker's agent were unsuccessful Sunday.

Tracy, a rape survivor, came to prominence through her work educating athletes about sexual violence. According to USA Today, Tracy and Tucker became friends thanks to her advocacy work, including visits to speak with his team at Michigan State, but that relationship went in a different direction in the spring of 2022.

"The idea that someone could know me and say they understand my trauma but then reinflict that trauma on me is so disgusting to me, it's hard for me to even wrap my mind around it," Tracy told USA Today. "It's like he sought me out just to betray me."

Tucker's suspension comes as Title IX issues continue to loom large at Michigan State. Survivors of disgraced sports doctor Larry Nassar's abuse served copies of a lawsuit to university trustees Friday, demanding the release of 6,000 documents related to Nassar.

The report of Tucker's alleged transgressions drew support from Nassar survivors. Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to publicly accuse Nassar, mentioned it on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, calling Tucker's behavior "beyond disgusting" and saying she stood with Tracy.

At Sunday's news conference, where just three questions were fielded, MSU President Teresa Woodruff said the actions taken by the school so far show it is taking Title IX violations seriously. The measures include mutual no-contact orders.

A university spokesperson said Sunday evening, ESPN reported, that while MSU learned in December of a complaint against Tucker, it was unaware of details, including an admission by Tucker of a sexual encounter, until Saturday night. The coach's suspension was levied for "unprofessional behavior and not living up to the core values of the department and university," the spokesperson said.

"This morning's news might sound like the MSU of old — it was not. It is not because an independent, unbiased investigation is and continues to be conducted," Woodruff said. "It is not the MSU of old because we maintain the confidence of the claimant and the respondent."

Tracy's complaint was filed in December. October's hearing is slated to fall during the Spartans' open date.



NFL WEEK 1

Fast start, tight finish for Philadelphia

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER

EAGLES 25, PATRIOTS 20

FOXBOROUGH, MASS. — Jalen Hurts walked off the field following the Eagles' season-opening victory unsure of what the offense he leads can achieve this season.

He likes what he has to work with, though.

Hurts threw a touchdown pass and Darius Slay had a 70-yard interception return for a score as Philadelphia built a big early lead, then hung on at the finish to beat the New England Patriots, 25-20, on Sunday.

The Eagles capitalized on two early turnovers by the Patriots, spoiling a day when New England honored former quarterback Tom Brady at halftime.

Coming off a Super Bowl appearance, the Eagles brought in several fresh faces, including new coordinators on offense (Brian Johnson) and defense (Sean Desai). After Philadelphia's uneven debut, Hurts said figuring out this group's identity will take more than one game.

"That's something that we're navigating," he said. "We're going to continue to grow. And it's always better when you win."

Hurts was 22 for 33 for 170 yards and the touchdown but had a costly fumble in the fourth quarter. Jake Elliott kicked four field goals for Philadelphia, which didn't reach the end zone after the first quarter.

"Was it our cleanest opportunity? No. We've got a lot of things to clean up," Eagles Coach Nick Sirianni said. "We didn't finish some drives late in the game."

New England's Mac Jones recovered from a rough start to finish 35 for 54 for 316 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. Kendrick Bourne had two touchdown receptions. Hunter Henry added the other scoring catch for an offense that outgained the NFC champion Eagles 382-251.

Jones felt he could have done much more for New England, which twice failed to take the lead after defensive stops.

"I feel like in the most critical times I played my worst. . . . I know I can do it. I've done it before," Jones said. "I let the defense down, and I'll have to live with that."

Trailing 25-14 late in the fourth quarter, New England got within 25-20 on Jones's 11-yard touchdown pass to Bourne. But a two-point conversion run by Jones was nullified by a holding penalty, and a second attempt was no good.

New England hired offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien in the offseason to turn the page on a dismal 2022 by a unit that ranked in the bottom half of the NFL. Injuries on the offensive line hindered the Patriots' debut.

— Associated Press

Dallas's defense downright dominates

BY TOM CANAVAN

COWBOYS 40, GIANTS 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Noah Igbinoghene returned a blocked field goal 58 yards for a touchdown on the opening series, DaRon Bland scored on a pick-six later in the first quarter, and the Dallas Cowboys embarrassed the New York Giants again, posting a season-opening 40-0 victory Sunday night.

Tony Pollard scored on two short touchdown runs, and Dallas forced three turnovers and sacked Daniel Jones seven times in shutting down New York's supposedly improved offense and beating the Giants for the fifth straight time and the 12th time in 13 meetings.

The shutout loss was the largest between the teams, topping the Cowboys' 35-0 win over the Giants in 1995, also in a season opener in the Meadowlands. It was also the Cowboys' biggest season-opening shutout, topping their 38-0 win over the Baltimore Colts in 1978.

This was supposed to be the game that showed whether the Giants had closed the gap on Dallas and defending NFC champion Philadelphia in the NFC East.

Enough said.

The Cowboys didn't need much from quarterback Dak Prescott and the offense. They got two field goals from new kicker Brandon Aubrey, and Pollard got their first touchdown on offense on a two-yard run midway through the second quarter to push the advantage to 26-0 at halftime.

The halftime shutout margin was the fourth-most lopsided in Week 1 for a home team, topped by the Bucs trailing the Eagles 34-0 in 1988. The others were the Steelers (down 30-0 vs. the Browns) in 1989 and the Colts (27-0 vs. the Rams) in 1954.

Pollard, the Cowboys' lead running back after the release of Ezekiel Elliott during the offseason, had a one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. KaVontae Turpin added a seven-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

The game changed on the opening series. New York took the opening kickoff, rolled down the field and reached the Dallas 8 behind the running of Saquon Barkley and Jones. On a third and two, left tackle Andrew Thomas moved early, and rookie center John-Michael Schmitz — a second-round pick — made a bad snap that Jones recovered back at the 27.

Graham Gano's 45-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Juanyeh Thomas, who jumped between a crack at the end of the line and easily blocked the kick. Igbinoghene picked up the ball at the 42 and was not touched on his way to scoring.

— Associated Press



MATT DURISKO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

49ers quarterback Brock Purdy, who had surgery to repair his right elbow after he was injured during last season's NFC championship game, threw for 220 yards and two touchdowns in his return to the field.

Healthy and locked in, San Francisco comes out firing

BY WILL GRAVES

49ERS 30, STEELERS 7

Purdy proves he's ready to recapture recent magic

PITTSBURGH — Brock Purdy spent months rehabbing his surgically repaired right elbow and an entire training camp wondering whether he could regain the magic he summoned so improbably — and so regularly — during his remarkable rookie season a year ago.

The answers came swiftly during San Francisco's 30-7 dismantling of Pittsburgh on Sunday. Purdy's elbow is fine. His confidence, too.

And his team? Potentially special.

Operating the offense with precision and a dash of daring that took him from "Mr. Irrelevant" to the NFC championship game last season, Purdy threw for 220 yards and a pair of touchdowns to Brandon Aiyuk — both with Steelers cornerback Patrick Peterson in coverage — to calm any doubts about whether his stunning rise in 2022 was a fluke.

"Purdy shut some haters up," 49ers defensive end Nick Bosa said.

Peterson among them.

The eight-time Pro Bowl selection, who signed with the Steelers in the offseason, said in the run-up to the game he respected Purdy's play but would still find a way to get his hands on the ball.

What Peterson got instead was a close-up look at Aiyuk celebrating in the end zone. Peterson slipped in the first quarter when Aiyuk darted inside for an eight-yard touchdown. He was in perfect position in the second quarter when Aiyuk when streaking down the sideline.

It didn't matter.

Purdy aimed for Aiyuk's back shoulder, and Aiyuk did the rest, somehow keeping his feet in bounds for a 19-yard score as the 49ers (1-0) quickly built a 20-point lead and never looked back.

"Was that on Patrick Peterson?" Purdy said, with just a tinge of faux innocence in his voice. "That one, all right, that felt good."

Peterson credited the 49ers for a solid game plan but also pointed out he did knock down a pair of passes during other points in the game.

"I had an opportunity to grab two picks," he said. "I just didn't grab [them]."

He was hardly alone on a day San Francisco pushed the Steelers (0-1) around in ways that haven't happened often under 17-year coach Mike Tomlin, particularly at home.

"We got kicked in the teeth today, in a lot of ways," Tomlin said.

On both sides of the ball.

Christian McCaffrey ran for 151 yards and caught three passes for 17 more for the 49ers (1-0), who looked every bit the dominant force they were down the stretch last season when Purdy took over at quarterback.

Bosa, a handful of days removed from signing the richest contract ever awarded to a defensive player, had two tackles and a quarterback hit. The 49ers didn't need the reigning defensive player of the year to wreak his rare brand of havoc to keep the Steelers and second-year quarterback Kenny Pickett in check.

San Francisco had five sacks — three of them by second-year defensive lineman Drake Jackson — and intercepted Pickett twice to dim the budding optimism in Pittsburgh after Pickett led the first-team offense to five touchdowns in as many drives during in three exhibition appearances.

"Throughout the preseason, they were hot, you know," 49ers linebacker Fred Warner said. "I'm sure they had a lot of confidence coming in, and we just came out and executed."

Pittsburgh either punted or turned over the ball in each of its first five possessions as the 49ers quickly built a 20-0 lead.

While Purdy cruised, Pickett stumbled. He completed 31 of 46 passes for 232 yards, the vast majority of the yardage coming with the Steelers hopelessly behind.

The Steelers didn't get their initial first down until Najee Harris ran for 24 yards with less than two minutes to go in the opening half. That drive ended with Pickett throwing a three-yard dart to Pat Freiermuth for a touchdown that briefly cut the deficit to 20-7.

Briefly.

Two plays into the second half McCaffrey darted left, spun around a defender and raced 65 yards down the sideline to restore San Francisco's 20-point advantage.

— Associated Press

LEADERS

PASSING

	CMP-ATT	PCT.	YARDS	TD	INT
Tua Tagovailoa, Dolphins	28-45	62.2	**466**	3	1
Kirk Cousins, Vikings	33-44	75.0	**344**	2	1
Matthew Stafford, Rams	24-38	63.2	**334**	0	0
Mac Jones, Patriots	35-54	64.8	**316**	3	0
Derek Carr, Saints	23-33	69.7	**305**	1	1
Jared Goff, Lions	22-35	62.9	**253**	1	0
Jordan Love, Packers	15-27	55.6	**253**	3	0
C.J. Stroud, Texans	28-44	63.6	**242**	0	0
Trevor Lawrence, Jaguars	24-32	75.0	**241**	2	1
Kenny Pickett, Steelers	31-46	67.4	**232**	1	2

RUSHING

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Christian McCaffrey, 49ers	22	**152**	6.9	1
Austin Ekeler, Chargers	16	**117**	7.3	1
Nick Chubb, Browns	18	**106**	5.9	0
Joshua Kelley, Chargers	16	**91**	5.7	1
Travis Etienne Jr., Jaguars	18	**77**	4.3	1
Tyler Allgeier, Falcons	15	**75**	5.0	2
David Montgomery, Lions	21	**74**	3.5	1
Miles Sanders, Panthers	18	**72**	4.0	0
Tony Pollard, Cowboys	14	**70**	5.0	2
Kenneth Walker III, Seahawks	12	**64**	5.3	0

RECEIVING

	TARGETS	REC	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Tyreek Hill, Dolphins	15	11	**215**	19.5	2
Justin Jefferson, Vikings	12	9	**150**	16.7	0
Brandon Aiyuk, 49ers	8	8	**129**	16.1	2
Puka Nacua, Rams	15	10	**119**	11.9	0
Tutu Atwell, Rams	8	6	**119**	19.8	0
Chris Olave, Saints	10	8	**112**	14.0	0
Calvin Ridley, Jaguars	11	8	**101**	12.6	1
Michael Pittman Jr., Colts	11	8	**97**	12.1	1
Rashid Shaheed, Saints	6	5	**89**	17.8	1
Aaron Jones, Packers	4	2	**86**	43.0	1

NFL WEEK 1

STANDINGS

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	40	0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	25	20	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	16	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	0	40	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	24	10	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	16	15	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	20	17	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	24	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	21	20	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	38	20	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	20	38	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	20	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	30	13	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	30	7	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	16	20	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	13	30	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	36	34	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
New England	0	1	0	.000	20	25	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	21	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Houston	0	1	0	.000	9	25	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	31	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	15	16	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	25	9	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	3	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	3	24	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	30	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Las Vegas	1	0	0	1.000	17	16	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	17	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	20	21	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	34	36	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

Thursday's result

Detroit 21, at Kansas City 20

Sunday's results

at Washington 20, Arizona 16
at Baltimore 25, Houston 9
at Atlanta 24, Carolina 10
at Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 3
Jacksonville 31, at Indianapolis 21
at New Orleans 16, Tennessee 15
San Francisco 30, at Pittsburgh 7
Tampa Bay 20, at Minnesota 17
Green Bay 38, at Chicago 20
L.A. Rams 30, at Seattle 13
Las Vegas 17, at Denver 16
Miami 36, at L.A. Chargers 34
Philadelphia 25, at New England 20
Dallas 40, at N.Y. Giants 0

Monday's game

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday's game

Minnesota at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday's games

Washington at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Miami at New England, 8:20 p.m.

Next Monday's games

New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

Texans optimistic after Ryans's debut

RAVENS 25, TEXANS 9

BY MICHAEL LEE

BALTIMORE — As DeMeco Ryans walked off the field at M&T Bank Stadium after his first game as coach of the Houston Texans, he never looked down, only forward.

The folded-up play card in his right hand held the game plan that helped stifle one of the NFL's most electrifying players, Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, in his first game since he secured a $260 million bag in the offseason. But winning the game required more than limiting Jackson to a pedestrian stat line and holding the new-look Ravens offense to just one touchdown in the first half. (Adding to Baltimore's offensive woes: Running back J.K. Dobbins tore his Achilles' and will miss the rest of the season.)

The Texans needed a cleaner game, especially on offense, Ryans said Sunday after a 25-9 defeat, because "[you] can't hurt yourself versus a good team. We can't help a good team."

Ryans's first game with the Texans will go down as a loss, but his mere presence on the sideline is already viewed as a victory for those who have faith in the meritocracy of sports, who believe that if you work hard and achieve success, you will be promoted, unrestrained by any real or perceived ceilings. The NFL hasn't always held true to that concept, especially when it comes to providing opportunities for Black assistants to ascend to head coaching gigs.

But Ryans earned his position after coordinating the NFL's top defense last season in San Francisco, and he has believed himself worthy of the spot since his grandmother told him he was destined to be there. On Sunday, before he nervously paced along the sideline and leaned in, hands pressed against his knees as he intently scoured over every movement on the field, Ryans allowed himself to reflect on the moment, the chance to prove himself in a spot many others had been denied.

"This first game, it was a special one. One I will always remember," Ryans said. "At the end of the day, it's about just continuing to help our guys and serve them."



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Texans Coach DeMeco Ryans said: "Today was not good enough. . . . So how do we do something about it to make the change?"

The Ravens gave Ryans a painful reminder of the challenge that looms for him and an organization that has been the definition of instability in recent years. Ryans is the Texans' fourth coach (fifth, including an interim) in as many seasons and the third consecutive Black coach to run the show in Houston. Unlike his two predecessors, Ryans is in for the long game, his arrival met with a hope — an expectation, even — that brighter days are ahead.

"It feels different," all-pro tackle Laremy Tunsil said. "You got players on the team that care. We don't want to be in the same position that we were three years ago or last year. We got people on this team that want to get it done. They want to win a Super Bowl."

Tunsil said the turnstile in talent and coaching has been "frustrating," even with a full understanding of how the business of football works. What has impressed him about Ryans has been the consistency in his messaging and enthusiasm. That, in itself, is one of the first steps toward stability. At the team meeting Saturday, Ryans preached to his players that confidence comes from hard work, and that has been his approach since he took the reins. "I know what I'm going to get every day from DeMeco, and I appreciate that," Tunsil said.

The Texans gave Ryans reasons for optimism when they selected a potential franchise quarterback, C.J. Stroud, and a dynamic defensive end, Will Anderson Jr., with the second pick and third pick, respectively, in April's draft. Stroud struggled at times with the swiftness in calling plays and his decisiveness, which should be expected for a rookie in his debut. But he showed poise in his ability to handle hits and a desire to make plays, even if nothing was there.

"If I make the play, I'm a hero. If I don't, I'm a zero. I'll take both," said Stroud, who threw for 242 yards but was unable to lead any touchdown drives.

Ryans calls the Texans' defensive plays, and his influence was evident. Anderson was one of the bright spots on a defense that effectively harassed Jackson and held him without any touchdowns. He recorded his first career sack, plowing through a hold by a Ravens lineman, slipping to the turf and hopping up to wrangle down Jackson.

Anderson credited Ryans, 39, with instilling a "relentless" mentality in the team. "If our head coach got energy . . . we should have energy, too," he said. "He has that young feel to him. So we relate more to him. He knows what we like, what to expect and what we go through. He understands the grit, the relentless mind-set. And he always talks about precision, effort and discipline."

Ryans wasn't expected to leave Baltimore with a victory. His challenge isn't just to win games; it's to get a collection of young players and veterans who are accustomed to instability and losing to believe their journey won't end with the same results as previous teams'. He has the advantage of not only having played professional football but also doing so in Houston, where the franchise's most successful run aligned with his tenure as an overachieving linebacker referred to as "Cap." The lopsided score didn't reflect the competitiveness of a group that headed back to Houston encouraged about the direction of the franchise.

"It's his first rodeo as a coach, but ball is ball with him," defensive end Jonathan Greenard said. ". . . Complacency is never in his DNA at all. Let's say we did win the game; the mentality was going to be as it was. I got the most confidence in him. I know he's going to have us ready every week. Everybody in the locker room, after a loss, you feel like you're down in the dumps. But I don't sense that at all. Guys are hungry. Everybody is hungry for something."

"I tell our guys: This is no point to hang our head or be sad about it," Ryans said. "We don't whine about it. What we are learning from this outing is that [what] we had today was not good enough, and everybody knows that. So how do we do something about it to make the change?"

Falcons 24, Panthers 10

Bijan Robinson outshined top overall pick Bryce Young in their NFL debuts, leading Atlanta over Carolina.

Young was intercepted twice by Jessie Bates in a rough start for the former Alabama star who is being counted on to lead a resurgence in Carolina.

Robinson, selected at No. 8 by the Falcons in defiance of those who say running backs shouldn't go that high, showed his versatility by taking a swing pass for an 11-yard touchdown.

He also broke off a 21-yard dash that set up Atlanta's go-ahead touchdown: Tyler Allgeier's three-yard run in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.

Allgeier added a clinching touchdown on another three-yard run with just under five minutes remaining.

It was a rough day for both offenses, each of them led by a young quarterback with plenty to prove.

Desmond Ridder, who started the final four games of his rookie season to set up his first full year at the helm in Atlanta, couldn't get much of anything going in the deep passing game. He was sacked four times and finished 15 for 18 for just 116 yards. It was an even tougher day for Young, who was intercepted twice.

CAROLINA	0	7	3	0	—10
ATLANTA	0	7	3	14	—24

SECOND QUARTER
Atlanta: B.Robinson 11 pass from Ridder (Koo kick), 14:54.
Carolina: Hurst 4 pass from Young (Pineiro kick), 5:09.

THIRD QUARTER
Carolina: FG Pineiro 43, 10:46.
Atlanta: FG Koo 49, 4:52.

FOURTH QUARTER
Atlanta: Allgeier 3 run (Koo kick), 14:12.
Atlanta: Allgeier 3 run (Koo kick), 4:48.

	CAR	ATL
First Downs	20	13
Total Net Yards	281	221
Rushes-Yards	32-154	26-130
Passing	127	91
Punt Returns	3-14	2-4
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-15
Comp-Att-Int	20-38-2	15-18-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-19	4-24
Punts	5-53.2	7-48.143
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-66	6-44
Time Of Possession	34:41	25:19

PASSING
Carolina: Young 20-38-2-146.
Atlanta: Ridder 15-18-0-115.

RUSHING
Carolina: Sanders 18-72, Hubbard 9-60, Young 3-17, Shenault 2-5.
Atlanta: Allgeier 15-75, Robinson 10-56, Ridder 1-(minus 1).

RECEIVING
Carolina: Hurst 5-41, Sanders 4-26, Marshall 2-23, Mingo 2-17, Shenault 2-16, Thielen 2-12, Hubbard 2-9, Ricci 1-2.
Atlanta: Robinson 6-27, Hollins 3-31, Allgeier 3-19, Pitts 2-44, Ridder 1-(minus 6).

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Jaguars 31, Colts 21

Tank Bigsby made up for a big mistake by scoring the go-ahead touchdown, and Travis Etienne Jr. added a 26-yard scoring run to seal Jacksonville's rare victory at Indianapolis.

The defending AFC South champs snapped a five-game losing streak at Lucas Oil Stadium.

But Bigsby's miscue — casually allowing the ball to be punched out of his hands after what he thought was an incompletion — nearly extended the Jaguars' misery.

It started when Colts defensive tackle DeForest Buckner stripped the ball from Trevor Lawrence on a sack and then alertly scooped up Bigsby's subsequent fumble before sprinting 26 yards and stretching the ball across the goal line to give Indianapolis a 21-17 lead late in the third quarter.

Bigsby made sure the lead didn't last long.

Three series later, Jamal Agnew's 48-yard punt return set up a 10-play drive that Bigsby capped with a one-yard touchdown plunge to give Jacksonville a 24-21 lead with 5:14 to play.

JACKSONVILLE	7	7	3	14	—31
INDIANAPOLIS	0	7	14	0	—21

FIRST QUARTER
Jacksonville: Ridley 9 pass from Lawrence (McManus kick), 5:18.

SECOND QUARTER
Indianapolis: Richardson 2 run (Gay kick), 14:57.
Jacksonville: Z.Jones 18 pass from Lawrence (McManus kick), 4:56.

THIRD QUARTER
Indianapolis: Pittman 39 pass from Richardson (Gay kick), 11:25.
Jacksonville: FG McManus 45, 8:31.
Indianapolis: Buckner 26 fumble return (Gay kick), 2:27.

FOURTH QUARTER
Jacksonville: Bigsby 1 run (McManus kick), 5:14.
Jacksonville: Etienne 26 run (McManus kick), 4:08.

	JAC	IND
First Downs	20	18
Total Net Yards	342	280
Rushes-Yards	35-105	26-65
Passing	237	215
Punt Returns	2-58	2-20
Kickoff Returns	1-20	1-19
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-34
Comp-Att-Int	24-32-1	24-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-4	4-8
Punts	5-44.6	5-41.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-45	4-35
Time Of Possession	33:37	26:23

PASSING
Jacksonville: Lawrence 24-32-1-241.
Indianapolis: Richardson 24-37-1-223, Minshew 0-2-0-0.

RUSHING
Jacksonville: Etienne 18-77, Lawrence 7-21, Bigsby 7-13, Agnew 2-(minus 2), D.Johnson 1-(minus 4).
Indianapolis: Richardson 10-40, Jackson 13-14, Funk 2-10, Hull 1-1.

RECEIVING
Jacksonville: Ridley 8-101, Z.Jones 5-55, Engram 5-49, Etienne 5-27, Kirk 1-9.
Indianapolis: Pittman 8-97, Jackson 5-14, Granson 4-39, Downs 3-30, Ogletree 1-20, Funk 1-12, Hull 1-6, Pierce 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Bucs 20, Vikings 17

Baker Mayfield recovered from a rough start to throw two touchdown passes without a turnover in his Tampa Bay debut, and his team opened the season with a win after three first-half turnovers by Minnesota.

Chase McLaughlin matched his career long with a 57-yard field goal for the lead with 5:10 left, and the Buccaneers forced a three-and-out on each of Minnesota's last two possessions.

Mayfield, the first overall pick in the 2018 draft who landed with his fourth team in three years to take over for the retired Tom Brady, completed 21 of 34 passes after a 3-for-11 start.

He hit Mike Evans for a score right before halftime and was at his best down the stretch. Chris Godwin made a stretched-out 11-yard catch on third and 10 right after the two-minute warning to clinch it.

Kirk Cousins went 33 for 44 for 344 yards and touchdowns to rookie Jordan Addison and running back Alexander Mattison, and Justin Jefferson had nine catches for 150 yards.

TAMPA BAY	3	7	7	3	—20
MINNESOTA	0	10	0	7	—17

FIRST QUARTER
Tampa Bay: FG McLaughlin 36, 3:23.

SECOND QUARTER
Minnesota: Addison 39 pass from Cousins (Joseph kick), 11:15.
Minnesota: FG Joseph 25, 5:41.
Tampa Bay: M.Evans 28 pass from Mayfield (McLaughlin kick), 1:09.

THIRD QUARTER
Tampa Bay: Palmer 7 pass from Mayfield (McLaughlin kick), 6:01.

FOURTH QUARTER
Minnesota: Mattison 4 pass from Cousins (Joseph kick), 13:37.
Tampa Bay: FG McLaughlin 57, 5:10.

	TB	MIN
First Downs	16	18
Total Net Yards	242	369
Rushes-Yards	33-73	17-41
Passing	169	328
Punt Returns	4-29	4-18
Kickoff Returns	1-23	1-15
Interceptions Ret.	1-14	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-0	33-44-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-4	2-16
Punts	6-54.5	5-51.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-19	6-45
Time Of Possession	28:12	34:03

PASSING
Tampa Bay: Mayfield 21-34-0-173.
Minnesota: Cousins 33-44-1-344.

RUSHING
Tampa Bay: R.White 17-40, Tucker 5-15, Mayfield 8-10, Edmonds 2-8, Jarrett 1-0.
Minnesota: Mattison 11-34, Cousins 3-7, Chandler 3-0.

RECEIVING
Tampa Bay: Evans 6-66, Godwin 5-51, Otton 2-19, Thompkins 2-10, R.White 2-10, Tucker 2-9, Palmer 2-8.
Minnesota: Jefferson 9-150, Hockenson 8-35, Addison 4-61, Oliver 3-32, Osborn 3-31, Mattison 3-10, Ham 2-7, Chandler 1-18.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Saints 16, Titans 15

Derek Carr passed for 305 yards and a touchdown in a difficult but successful Saints debut, and New Orleans held on.

The Saints' defense did not allow a touchdown, intercepted Ryan Tannehill three times, sacked him three times and stopped Tennessee on 10 of 12 third-down plays.

Chris Olave caught eight passes for 112 yards for New Orleans, while Rasheed Shaheed had five receptions for 89 yards and the game's lone touchdown. Michael Thomas, who missed the final 14 games last season, returned to catch five passes for 61 yards.

The teams traded field goals for most of the game before New Orleans finally found the end zone with 1:23 left in the third quarter. Carr pump-faked and lofted a pass toward the right side of the end zone an instant before the pocket collapsed. Shaheed was in the clear and hauled in the 19-yard scoring pass to make it 16-9.

After the Titans' Nick Folk hit two more field goals, Tennessee needed one more third-down stop for a chance. That's when Carr, on third and six, hit Shaheed deep down the left sideline for 41 yards to the Tennessee 26.

TENNESSEE	6	3	0	6	—15
NEW ORLEANS	3	3	10	0	—16

FIRST QUARTER
Tennessee: FG Folk 50, 13:40.
New Orleans: FG Grupe 26, 10:18.
Tennessee: FG Folk 27, 3:07.

SECOND QUARTER
New Orleans: FG Grupe 33, 7:37.
Tennessee: FG Folk 31, 1:40.

THIRD QUARTER
New Orleans: FG Grupe 52, 9:25.
New Orleans: Shaheed 19 pass from Carr (Grupe kick), 1:23.

FOURTH QUARTER
Tennessee: FG Folk 45, 11:12.
Tennessee: FG Folk 29, 2:17.

	TEN	NO
First Downs	16	15
Total Net Yards	285	352
Rushes-Yards	22-104	27-70
Passing	181	282
Punt Returns	4-37	2-6
Kickoff Returns	0-0	5-110
Interceptions Ret.	1-10	3-4
Comp-Att-Int	16-34-3	23-33-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-17	4-23
Punts	3-35.667	5-48.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	7-45
Time Of Possession	30:49	28:40

PASSING
Tennessee: Tannehill 16-34-3-198.
New Orleans: Carr 23-33-1-305.

RUSHING
Tennessee: Henry 15-63, Spears 3-27, Burks 1-9, Tannehill 3-5.
New Orleans: Williams 18-45, Shaheed 2-13, Jones 1-5, Hill 3-4, Carr 3-3.

RECEIVING
Tennessee: Hopkins 7-65, Westbrook-Ikhine 4-58, Henry 2-56, Burks 2-18, Spears 1-1.
New Orleans: Olave 8-112, Shaheed 5-89, Thomas 5-61, J.Johnson 3-36, Williams 2-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Raiders 17, Broncos 16

Jimmy Garoppolo threw two touchdown passes to fellow newcomer Jakobi Meyers in their Las Vegas debut, and the team spoiled Sean Payton's first game as Denver's coach.

The Raiders stretched their winning streak over their AFC West rivals to seven games despite the absence of star pass rusher Chandler Jones, who's involved in a feud with the front office.

Garoppolo, who came to Las Vegas after six seasons in San Francisco, and Meyers, who joined the Raiders after four seasons in New England, connected 10 times for 81 yards, including for touchdowns of three and six yards.

The second came with 6:34 remaining, erasing Denver's 16-10 lead.

The Raiders' defense then held Denver to its only three-and-out, giving the ball back to Garoppolo with about five minutes left.

Safety Kareem Jackson, who earlier intercepted Garoppolo in the end zone, was whistled for a 15-yard penalty when he hit Meyers in the head with an elbow after a key catch, sending him to the sideline. That infraction helped the Raiders run out the clock and go into victory formation.

LAS VEGAS	7	3	0	7	—17
DENVER	6	7	0	3	—16

FIRST QUARTER
Las Vegas: Meyers 3 pass from Garoppolo (Carlson kick), 9:28.
Denver: Humphrey 5 pass from R.Wilson (kick failed), :44.

SECOND QUARTER
Las Vegas: FG Carlson 24, 10:54.
Denver: Sutton 5 pass from R.Wilson (Lutz kick), :12.

FOURTH QUARTER
Denver: FG Lutz 24, 8:54.
Las Vegas: Meyers 6 pass from Garoppolo (Carlson kick), 6:34.

	LAS	DEN
First Downs	22	22
Total Net Yards	261	260
Rushes-Yards	29-61	22-94
Passing	200	166
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-55
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-26-1	27-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-11
Punts	1-49.0	2-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-97	10-83
Time Of Possession	27:52	32:08

PASSING
Las Vegas: Garoppolo 20-26-1-200.
Denver: Wilson 27-34-0-177.

RUSHING
Las Vegas: Jacobs 19-48, Garoppolo 9-11, White 1-2.
Denver: J.Williams 13-52, Perine 8-41, Wilson 1-1.

RECEIVING
Las Vegas: Meyers 9-81, Adams 6-66, Jacobs 2-23, Hooper 1-20, Carter 1-5, White 1-5.
Denver: Trautman 5-34, Perine 4-37, Sutton 4-32, J.Williams 4-5, Johnson 2-31, Dulcich 2-22, Humphrey 2-11, Mims 2-9, Burton 1-3, McLaughlin 1-(minus 7).

MISSED FIELD GOALS
Denver: Lutz 55.

Rams 30, Seahawks 13

Matthew Stafford threw for 334 yards even without favorite target Cooper Kupp, Kyren Williams and Cam Akers combined for three touchdown runs, and Los Angeles stunned Seattle.

Stafford was brilliant picking apart Seattle's secondary for the 58th 300-yard passing game of his career in the regular season. He did so despite Kupp being sidelined for the first four games of the season while on injured reserve with a hamstring injury.

Stafford found some new targets to use.

Rookie Puka Nacua had 10 catches for 119 yards and was targeted 15 times in the first game of his career. Tutu Atwell had a career-high 119 yards on six catches. And the Rams were at their best on third downs, converting 11 of 17 chances leading to long drives and a huge advantage in time of possession.

Los Angeles had 27 first downs, 426 total yards and 39:23 time of possession.

Williams had a one-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, and his seven-yard score on the opening drive of the second half gave Los Angeles a 14-13 lead.

L.A. RAMS	7	0	10	13	—30
SEATTLE	3	10	0	0	—13

FIRST QUARTER
Seattle: FG Myers 36, 9:52.
LA Rams: K.Williams 1 run (Maher kick), :39.

SECOND QUARTER
Seattle: Metcalf 10 pass from G.Smith (Myers kick), 9:16.
Seattle: FG Myers 42, 4:18.

THIRD QUARTER
LA Rams: K.Williams 7 run (Maher kick), 8:56.
LA Rams: FG Maher 38, 2:39.

FOURTH QUARTER
LA Rams: Akers 1 run (Maher kick), 9:45.
LA Rams: FG Maher 54, 4:57.
LA Rams: FG Maher 45, :11.

	LAR	SEA
First Downs	27	13
Total Net Yards	426	180
Rushes-Yards	40-92	18-85
Passing	334	95
Punt Returns	1-7	1-18
Kickoff Returns	1-8	2-50
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	24-38-0	16-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-17
Punts	1-45.0	4-59.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-53	7-55
Time Of Possession	39:23	20:37

PASSING
L.A. Rams: Stafford 24-38-0-334.
Seattle: G.Smith 16-26-0-112.

RUSHING
L.A. Rams: K.Williams 15-52, Akers 22-29, Stafford 3-11.
Seattle: Walker 12-64, Charbonnet 3-11, G.Smith 1-6, Dallas 2-4.

RECEIVING
L.A. Rams: Nacua 10-119, Atwell 6-119, Jefferson 4-24, Higbee 3-49, Hopkins 1-21.
Seattle: Walker 4-3, Metcalf 3-47, Smith-Njigba 3-13, Dissly 2-17, Lockett 2-10, Dallas 1-14, Parkinson 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
L.A. Rams: Maher 57, Maher 56.
Seattle: Myers 39.

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New era starts with a victory — who cares how it looked?

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feelings the sale generated, however it looked.

Feel different, Kevin Durant?

"Yes, sir!" the Commanders' tallest fan said as he walked toward his ride in a "W" bucket hat and Chase Young jersey. "A good win."

He smiled broadly.

This is sort of strange territory. The Commanders — who were last in the NFL in both total attendance and percent of capacity in 2022, Snyder's final season — announced a sellout crowd of 64,693. These weren't fans of the opponent. They wore burgundy and gold. They didn't come to see new quarterback Sam Howell. They didn't buy tickets because their team drafted Emmanuel Forbes to play cornerback.

No, at least some percentage of them came because Snyder sold and Harris bought — including, I'm guessing, the guy wearing the "I Survived the Snyder Era" T-shirt.

That's what this felt like — group therapy for people who had collectively experienced trauma. Exiled stars returned and smiled. Both Champ Bailey and Robert Griffin III were introduced to the crowd, and Coach Ron Rivera said he was thrilled to see John Riggins in the stands. Those who fell out are now welcomed back in.

"I think there's a reason that a lot of alumni stayed away, and we don't have to talk about that anymore," Griffin told reporters before the game. "But now it's a fresh start."

Fans of this team in recent years have felt as though they had to elbow supporters in opposing jerseys out of the way to be heard at their home games. They were often drowned out. On Sunday, when Howell burst through the line of scrimmage and scampered for the fourth-quarter touchdown that gave Washington the lead, the delirium in the stands surrounding the end zone where he scored felt both new and real.

"It was amazing," star wideout Terry McLaurin said. "I got chills standing for the national anthem. . . . I've been here five years, and that was the loudest I've probably heard it."

One-up him, Jonathan Allen.

"I haven't had it feel like this in my *seven* years here," the game-wrecking defensive tackle said. Was it different?

"One thousand percent," Allen said.

It's possible there is only one team the Commanders could have beaten the way they played Sunday — particularly on offense — and they happened to be playing that one team. There are plenty of reasons Rivera walked to the lectern to address the media afterward, thanked the fans in his opening remarks but looked downtrodden in adding, "We've got to be a better football team for them."

Hard to shake three sloppy first-half turnovers and six debilitating sacks, huh?

"For us to make those kinds of mistakes, that was disappointing," Rivera said. "I know we're all disappointed. But we're all thrilled. Believe me, I'm happy as hell we won."

Because winning, even with new ownership, isn't easy. The quarterback the Commanders faced Sunday was someone named Josh Dobbs, whom new Arizona coach Jonathan Gannon chose over a fella named Clayton Tune. The next three quarterbacks the Commanders play are Russell Wilson, Josh Allen and Jalen Hurts. Yeah, Wilson isn't what he once was. But if those games at Denver, at home against Buffalo and at Philadelphia are somehow close in the second half, Washington's defense won't as easily be able to just apply its will as it did on Dobbs and the Cardinals.

That's what Montez Sweat did in forcing a Dobbs fumble in the waning seconds of the third quarter, then again with less than five minutes left in the game. (Side note: If the Commanders are indeed trying to create a competition between Sweat and fellow defensive end Young to see who more deserves a lucrative, long-term contract, we have an early and clear leader. Sweat's stat line against Arizona: the two forced fumbles, four solo tackles — two for losses — and 1.5 sacks. Young: inactive as he gets over a stinger.)

"That's what we pride ourselves on," Sweat said. "Defense closing the game."

As the Commanders were just about running out the clock, the fans in the seats below the owner's box — on the home side of the field, right at the 50-yard line — turned away from the action to face Harris and his partners, who include local business titans Mitchell Rales and Mark Ein, not to mention basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson. That's the box where, since 1999, Snyder had mostly lurked in the shadows. He was just so reviled.

Harris, by this point, was on the field. But the crowd waved up to the suite anyway, chanting: "Thank you! Thank you!"

Thank you, to the owner. Who hasn't done much — yet. This is the honeymoon period, without question. Honeymoons typically don't last the first year of a marriage. The work has begun, but only that.

In the locker room afterward, Rivera presented Harris with a game ball and said the other owners would get their own.

"They got their first victory, their first one during the regular season, and it's special," Rivera said. "It really is."

There's only one first. In the rest of the life of the Washington Commanders, Sunday was that. The franchise has changed, as has the vibe in the stands. There's so much more to do on the field and off. But for a team and a fan base that, for close to a quarter century, have been dragged through the mud, why not enjoy it for a day?



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After finishing last in the NFL in total attendance in 2022, the Commanders announced a sellout crowd of 64,693 for their season opener.

Tagovailoa has Miami humming on offense

DOLPHINS 36, CHARGERS 34

By Joe Reedy

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. — Tua Tagovailoa might have shocked some observers by putting up one of the best passing days in an opener in NFL history.

His coach wasn't surprised at all.

"It was validating for me, because I don't feel crazy. That's kind of what I expected to happen," Coach Mike McDaniel said after the Miami Dolphins rallied for a 36-34 victory over the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday.

Tagovailoa threw for 466 yards, the fourth most in an opener, and three touchdowns. In a game that saw two ties and nine lead changes, his four-yard throw to Tyreek Hill in the right corner of the end zone with 1:45 remaining put the Dolphins ahead to stay.

"I was super excited to be out there again," said Tagovailoa, who completed 28 of 45 passes. "It's the first game. You don't necessarily know what to expect from their team. They give us their best shot. They ran almost everything that we've seen watching film. So it feels good."

Hill, who said during training camp that he wants to be the first receiver to reach 2,000 yards in a season, got off to a great start. He had 215 yards — the third-best total in Week 1 in league history — on 11 receptions with two touchdowns.

"I wanted to play fast and deliberate. I kind of went into a zone there," said Hill, who had his third 200-yard receiving game. "Even during halftime, Tua was getting guys going. He leaned on me a little bit toward the end, and that meant more targets."

Hill had two receptions on the decisive eight-play, 75-yard drive. On third and 10 from the Miami 25, he beat Ja'Sir Taylor on a go route and caught a 47-yard pass after Tagovailoa stepped up in the pocket and made a pinpoint throw.

"I'm glad that we started with this game," Hill said. "Last year, those guys did a great job of pressing us. So I feel like this year, like I've been saying, we had a chance to go back and get a full understanding of the offense. And you see that the results were different."

Different would be an understatement. In last season's 23-17 win in Week 13, the Chargers held the Dolphins to 219 total yards, with 119 coming on two plays, and didn't allow Miami to get into the red zone.

Tagovailoa's 466 passing yards were the most ever allowed by the Chargers, and Miami's 536 yards of offense were the most the franchise has yielded in an opener.

"I don't think that we played the right leverages in the secondary, and I didn't think that we rushed the quarterback effectively enough," Coach Brandon Staley said. "It turned into a track meet in the passing game."

Chargers edge rusher Khalil Mack blamed the defense for the loss but also acknowledged the brilliance of Tagovailoa and Hill.

"I feel like it's a rare occasion when you've got two guys like that on the field at the same time, blazing up and down the field," Mack said. "We've just got to look at it and get better, make sure we get better on the back end and the front end."

Miami had nine plays of at least 21 yards. Those included Hill's 35-yard score late in the third quarter to put the Dolphins up 27-24.

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Tua Tagovailoa threw for 466 yards and three touchdowns.

Packers 38, Bears 20

Jordan Love looked like he might be ready to follow in the footsteps of Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers, throwing for three touchdowns to lead Green Bay.

Aaron Jones ran for a touchdown and caught a pass for another score, helping the Packers pull away in the second half for their ninth straight win over the Bears. Green Bay was 25-5 against Chicago with Rodgers, counting an NFC championship game win in the 2010 season, and the Packers were 22-10 in games Favre started.

The Bears came in thinking bigger things are in store for them and quarterback Justin Fields after a busy offseason. But for a team that set a franchise record for losses with 14 last year, this was a discouraging start.

Love completed 15 of 27 passes for 245 yards and posted a 123.2 rating. It was a promising outing for a quarterback whose only other start was a loss at Kansas City in 2021 when Rodgers was sidelined by the coronavirus.

GREEN BAY	7	3	14	14	—38
CHICAGO	3	3	8	6	—20

FIRST QUARTER
Green Bay: Doubs 8 pass from Love (A.Carlson kick), 6:08.
Chicago: FG Santos 47, 2:04.

SECOND QUARTER
Chicago: FG Santos 29, 9:00.
Green Bay: FG A.Carlson 52, :00.

THIRD QUARTER
Green Bay: A.Jones 1 run (A.Carlson kick), 10:19.
Green Bay: A.Jones 35 pass from Love (A.Carlson kick), 6:26.
Chicago: Mooney 20 pass from Fields (Herbert run), :59.

FOURTH QUARTER
Green Bay: Doubs 4 pass from Love (A.Carlson kick), 13:30.
Green Bay: Q.Walker 42 interception return (A.Carlson kick), 12:36.
Chicago: R.Johnson 2 run (pass failed), 2:54.

	GB	CHI
First Downs	16	22
Total Net Yards	329	311
Rushes-Yards	32-92	29-122
Passing	237	189
Punt Returns	3-54	2-16
Kickoff Returns	2-55	4-84
Interceptions Ret.	1-42	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	15-27-0	24-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	4-27
Punts	5-49.8	4-53.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-90	7-61
Time Of Possession	29:12	30:48

PASSING
Green Bay: Love 15-27-0-245.
Chicago: Fields 24-37-1-216.

RUSHING
Green Bay: A.Jones 9-41, Taylor 5-22, Dillon 13-19, Love 3-12, Clifford 1-0, Reed 1-(minus 2).
Chicago: Fields 9-59, Herbert 9-27, R.Johnson 5-20, Foreman 5-16, Kmet 1-0.

RECEIVING
Green Bay: Doubs 4-26, Musgrave 3-50, A.Jones 2-86, Reed 2-48, Toure 2-18, Dillon 2-17.
Chicago: R.Johnson 6-35, Kmet 5-44, Mooney 4-53, Herbert 3-37, Moore 2-25, Scott 2-14, Foreman 2-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Browns 24, Bengals 3

Deshaun Watson ran for one touchdown and threw for another, and Cleveland's defense bottled up Cincinnati quarterback Joe Burrow, the NFL's new highest-paid player.

Watson bolted for a 13-yard score late in the first half, making the kind of dynamic play the Browns envisioned when they signed him to a $230 million contract in 2022. He missed 11 games last season for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Watson is in uniform from the start this season, and his presence has Cleveland expecting big things.

He added a three-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to tight end Harrison Bryant, and Watson celebrated by skipping down the field in front of Cincinnati's sideline before converting the two-point try with a run up the middle.

Burrow had a rough opener two days after signing a five-year, $275 million extension giving him the highest average annual salary in league history.

The Browns held Burrow to a career-worst 82 yards passing (14 of 31) as Cleveland's rebuilt defensive line pressured him all day.

CINCINNATI	0	0	3	0	—3
CLEVELAND	0	10	3	11	—24

SECOND QUARTER
Cleveland: FG Hopkins 42, 14:15.
Cleveland: Watson 13 run (Hopkins kick), :17.

THIRD QUARTER
Cincinnati: FG McPherson 42, 11:44.
Cleveland: FG Hopkins 34, 2:21.

FOURTH QUARTER
Cleveland: FG Hopkins 43, 11:29.
Cleveland: Bryant 3 pass from Watson (Watson run), 9:11.

	CIN	CLE
First Downs	6	21
Total Net Yards	142	362
Rushes-Yards	20-75	40-218
Passing	67	144
Punt Returns	3-24	3-15
Kickoff Returns	2-45	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-20	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-32-0	16-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	3-10
Punts	10-40.9	7-47.286
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	5-43
Time Of Possession	24:10	35:50

PASSING
Cincinnati: Burrow 14-31-0-82, Browning 0-1-0-0.
Cleveland: Watson 16-29-1-154.

RUSHING
Cincinnati: Mixon 13-56, Evans 2-12, T.Williams 2-7, Chase 1-2, Browning 1-(minus 1), Burrow 1-(minus 1).
Cleveland: Chubb 18-106, Watson 6-62, J.Ford 14-31, Moore 2-19.

RECEIVING
Cincinnati: Chase 5-39, Mixon 3-17, I.Smith 3-17, Boyd 2-10, Evans 1-(minus 1).
Cleveland: Chubb 4-21, Moore 3-43, Cooper 3-37, Njoku 2-24, Bryant 2-5, Akins 1-12, Peoples-Jones 1-12.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
Cincinnati: McPherson 51.

Eagles 25, Patriots 20

PHILADELPHIA	16	0	3	6	—25
NEW ENGLAND	0	14	0	6	—20

FIRST QUARTER
Philadelphia: FG J.Elliott 32, 7:42.
Philadelphia: Slay 70 interception return (J.Elliott kick), 4:56.
Philadelphia: D.Smith 5 pass from Hurts (kick failed), 2:39.

SECOND QUARTER
New England: Henry 9 pass from Mac.Jones (Ryland kick), 4:34.
New England: Bourne 19 pass from Mac.Jones (Ryland kick), :25.

THIRD QUARTER
Philadelphia: FG J.Elliott 56, 8:48.

FOURTH QUARTER
Philadelphia: FG J.Elliott 48, 13:21.
Philadelphia: FG J.Elliott 51, 5:33.
New England: Bourne 11 pass from Mac.Jones (pass failed), 3:37.

	PHI	NE
First Downs	17	24
Total Net Yards	251	382
Rushes-Yards	25-97	22-76
Passing	154	306
Punt Returns	2-30	3-21
Kickoff Returns	1-11	2-62
Interceptions Ret.	1-70	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-33-0	35-54-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	2-10
Punts	4-49.25	6-44.167
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-49	7-50
Time Of Possession	30:48	29:12

PASSING
Philadelphia: Hurts 22-33-0-170.
New England: Mac.Jones 35-54-1-316.

RUSHING
Philadelphia: Gainwell 14-54, Hurts 9-37, Scott 1-3, Swift 1-3.
New England: Elliott 7-29, Stevenson 12-25, Mac.Jones 2-15, Montgomery 1-7.

RECEIVING
Philadelphia: A.Brown 7-79, D.Smith 7-47, Gainwell 4-20, Watkins 2-17, Scott 1-7, Swift 1-0.
New England: Bourne 6-64, Stevenson 6-64, Henry 5-56, Elliott 5-14, Douglas 4-40, Smith-Schuster 4-33, Gesicki 3-36, Montgomery 2-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Cowboys 40, Giants 0

DALLAS	16	10	7	7	—40
N.Y. GIANTS	0	0	0	0	—0

FIRST QUARTER
Dallas: Igbinoghene 58 blocked field goal return (kick failed), 8:03.
Dallas: FG Aubrey 21, 3:21.
Dallas: Bland 22 interception return (Aubrey kick), 2:22.

SECOND QUARTER
Dallas: FG Aubrey 38, 10:55.
Dallas: Pollard 2 run (Aubrey kick), 8:03.

THIRD QUARTER
Dallas: Pollard 1 run (Aubrey kick), 10:01.

FOURTH QUARTER
Dallas: Turpin 7 run (Aubrey kick), 11:31.

	DAL	NYG
First Downs	18	14
Total Net Yards	265	169
Rushes-Yards	30-122	28-108
Passing	143	61
Punt Returns	2-17	1-7
Comp-Att-Int	13-25-0	17-30-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	7-47
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	6-72
Time Of Possession	26:32	32:58

PASSING
Dallas: Prescott 13-24-0-143, Rush 0-1-0-0.
N.Y. Giants: D.Jones 15-28-2-102, Taylor 2-2-0-6.

RUSHING
Dallas: Pollard 14-70, Dowdle 6-24, Turpin 3-14, Vaughn 6-8, Prescott 1-6.
N.Y. Giants: Barkley 12-51, D.Jones 13-43, Breida 2-9, Brightwell 1-5.

RECEIVING
Dallas: Lamb 4-77, Cooks 2-22, Pollard 2-12, Ferguson 2-11, Turpin 2-11, Gallup 1-10.
N.Y. Giants: Waller 3-36, Slayton 3-15, Barkley 3-12, Cager 2-17, Brightwell 2-6, Hodgins 1-24, Campbell 1-2, Bellinger 1-1, Breida 1-(minus 5).

MISSED FIELD GOALS
N.Y. Giants: Gano 45, Gano 36.

49ers 30, Steelers 7

SAN FRANCISCO	10	10	7	3	—30
PITTSBURGH	0	7	0	0	—7

FIRST QUARTER
San Francisco: Aiyuk 8 pass from Purdy (Moody kick), 9:29.
San Francisco: FG Moody 41, 4:38.

SECOND QUARTER
San Francisco: Aiyuk 19 pass from Purdy (Moody kick), 13:30.
San Francisco: FG Moody 32, 8:22.
Pittsburgh: Freiermuth 3 pass from Pickett (Boswell kick), :10.

THIRD QUARTER
San Francisco: McCaffrey 65 run (Moody kick), 14:02.

FOURTH QUARTER
San Francisco: FG Moody 40, 5:30.
Attendance: 67,679.

	SF	PIT
First Downs	22	15
Total Net Yards	391	239
Rushes-Yards	34-188	10-41
Passing	203	198
Punt Returns	3-41	1-2
Kickoff Returns	0-0	3-91
Interceptions Ret.	2-37	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-0	31-46-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-17	5-34
Punts	3-44.667	6-42.333
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-85	6-60
Time Of Possession	37:23	22:37

PASSING
San Francisco: Purdy 19-29-0-220.
Pittsburgh: Pickett 31-46-2-232.

RUSHING
San Francisco: McCaffrey 22-152, Purdy 3-20, Mitchell 5-10, Samuel 2-8, Darnold 2-(minus 2).
Pittsburgh: Harris 6-31, Warren 3-6, Pickett 1-4.

RECEIVING
San Francisco: Aiyuk 8-129, Samuel 5-55, Kittle 3-19, McCaffrey 3-17.
Pittsburgh: Austin 6-37, A.Robinson 5-64, Pickens 5-36, Warren 5-12, Johnson 3-48, Co.Heyward 2-19, McFarland 2-11, Harris 2-2, Freiermuth 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Ravens 25, Texans 9

HOUSTON	0	6	0	3	—9
BALTIMORE	7	0	15	3	—25

FIRST QUARTER
Baltimore: Dobbins 4 run (Tucker kick), 1:00.

SECOND QUARTER
Houston: FG Fairbairn 35, 3:56.
Houston: FG Fairbairn 38, :00.

THIRD QUARTER
Baltimore: J.Hill 2 run (Edwards run), 9:55.
Baltimore: J.Hill 2 run (Tucker kick), 5:21.

FOURTH QUARTER
Houston: FG Fairbairn 36, 13:47.
Baltimore: FG Tucker 39, 4:10.

	HOU	BAL
First Downs	18	18
Total Net Yards	268	265
Rushes-Yards	23-72	32-110
Passing	196	155
Punt Returns	2-24	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	1-18
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	28-44-0	17-22-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-46	4-14
Punts	4-44.0	5-49.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-88	13-106
Time Of Possession	29:05	30:55

PASSING
Houston: Stroud 28-44-0-242.
Baltimore: Jackson 17-22-1-169.

RUSHING
Houston: Pierce 11-38, Stroud 4-20, Singletary 7-15, Brown 1-(minus 1).
Baltimore: Jackson 6-38, Edwards 8-32, Dobbins 8-22, Flowers 2-9, Hill 8-9.

RECEIVING
Houston: N.Collins 6-80, Woods 6-57, Dell 3-34, Brown 3-20, Boone 3-18, Pierce 2-9, Schultz 2-4, Quitoriano 1-11, Hutchinson 1-9, Stroud 1-0.
Baltimore: Flowers 9-78, Bateman 3-35, Beckham 2-37, Dobbins 2-15, Likely 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Dolphins 36, Chargers 34

MIAMI	7	13	7	9	—36
L.A. CHARGERS	7	10	7	10	—34

FIRST QUARTER
LA Chargers: Ekeler 1 run (Dicker kick), 4:39.
Miami: Mostert 2 run (J.Sanders kick), 1:15.

SECOND QUARTER
Miami: FG J.Sanders 23, 11:43.
LA Chargers: Parham 1 pass from Herbert (Dicker kick), 9:07.
Miami: Cracraft 1 pass from Tagovailoa (J.Sanders kick), 1:42.
LA Chargers: FG Dicker 50, :09.
Miami: FG J.Sanders 41, :00.

THIRD QUARTER
LA Chargers: Herbert 1 run (Dicker kick), 9:19.
Miami: T.Hill 35 pass from Tagovailoa (J.Sanders kick), 2:12.

FOURTH QUARTER
LA Chargers: Kelley 2 run (Dicker kick), 14:00.
Miami: FG J.Sanders 45, 10:03.
LA Chargers: FG Dicker 25, 3:53.
Miami: T.Hill 4 pass from Tagovailoa (kick failed), 1:45.

	MIA	LAC
First Downs	30	30
Total Net Yards	536	433
Rushes-Yards	20-70	40-234
Passing	466	199
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-9
Comp-Att-Int	28-45-1	23-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-29
Punts	1-38.0	3-48.333
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-38	6-70
Time Of Possession	27:19	32:41

PASSING
Miami: Tagovailoa 28-45-1-466.
L.A. Chargers: Herbert 23-33-0-228.

RUSHING
Miami: Mostert 10-37, Ezukanma 2-17, Ahmed 3-11, Tagovailoa 5-5.
L.A. Chargers: Ekeler 16-117, Kelley 16-91, Herbert 5-18, K.Allen 2-6, Everett 1-2.

RECEIVING
Miami: T.Hill 11-215, Waddle 4-78, Smythe 3-44, Berrios 3-42, Cracraft 3-40, Ingold 2-34, Mostert 2-13.
L.A. Chargers: K.Allen 6-76, Ekeler 4-47, M.Williams 4-45, Parham 3-21, Everett 2-21, Johnston 2-9, D.Davis 1-5, Palmer 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

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Commanders safety Kam Curl breaks up a pass intended for Cardinals tight end Zach Ertz in the first quarter. Washington's defense held the visitors to 210 total yards and a 4-for-14 success rate on third downs.

Defensive line sets the tone as Commanders take opener

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come-from-behind, emotional roller coaster of a victory that served as a healthy reminder that the defense still runs this team. A win's a win, and this one — a 20-16 nail-biter — was still sweet, given the pomp and fanfare. But the mistakes on offense, after Washington remade its scheme under play caller Eric Bieniemy and ushered in 22-year-old quarterback Sam Howell, were undeniable.

"I really appreciate the fans coming out, but we got to be a better football team," Coach Ron Rivera said. "We had some opportunities where we didn't take care of the ball the way we should have. We will be better."

For months, the new offense matched the new ownership in terms of unknowns and intrigue. Howell impressed throughout training camp and the preseason, when it's easy to ignore context and anoint a star before it has yet to truly shine.

Washington's win over the Cardinals offered plenty of reasons to believe Howell can still be a fine quarterback — the simplest being that he has started only two games in his young career — but a takeover by the Commanders' defensive line decided the game.

Playing without defensive end Chase Young, who suffered a stinger in the preseason, Washington's star trio of end Montez Sweat and tackles Jonathan Allen and Daron Payne combined to shift the momentum back in Washington's favor in the second half, sparking a turnaround the offense couldn't muster on its own.

"That's what we pride ourselves on, defense closing games," Sweat said. "I kept on telling them, 'Who's going to be the closer?' "

It started on the Cardinals' opening drive of the third quarter, when the Commanders stopped Arizona on third and 11 at the Washington 19-yard line and held it to a field goal.

It continued with the Cardinals' subsequent drive, when Allen barreled his way toward quarterback Josh Dobbs to hit him just before he unleashed a pass that sailed over the head of tight end Zach Ertz on third and eight. And then the fireworks: Allen tackled Dobbs for a loss of four yards on a run, then Sweat strip-sacked him on the next play.

"See ball, get ball," Sweat said.

Payne recovered it to set up a six-yard touchdown run by Howell.

The defense's spark ignited a crowd that had fallen silent in the second half after a string of poor plays on offense. Howell, who was intercepted early in the second quarter, was sacked six times, including a strip-sack at the Washington 12-yard line just before halftime. Arizona recovered and scored to claim the lead.

Although Howell bounced back and guided Washington on a drive to a field goal just before the break, the offense returned with a string of six dreadful plays over two drives: sack, holding, sack, holding, dropped pass, pass thrown into the turf under pressure.

Boos ensued.



Brian Robinson Jr. scored the first touchdown of the season for the Commanders on a seven-yard run in the first quarter at FedEx Field.

"Horrible," said running back Antonio Gibson, who added a fumble in the red zone to the Commanders' list of offensive miscues. "That was not us today. We know that."

Howell's day was fitting of a less-experienced quarterback. He finished 19 for 31 for 202 yards with one touchdown and one interception for a 77.6 passer rating. He also ran the ball twice, for 11 yards and one touchdown. Some of his reads were late, but others were clutch, such as a deep attempt to Terry McLaurin that he placed perfectly at the wide receiver's outside shoulder so he could draw a 37-yard pass-interference penalty.

The responsibility for some of the sacks appeared to fall on Howell, and others resulted from protection breakdowns. Some decisions were sound, such as tucking the ball and running with it on his six-yard score. Others led to trouble.

"To his credit, I think you never saw him shaken, you never saw him put his head down," McLaurin said. "I know he took some tough hits out there. I know we want him to protect himself a little bit more, but he's going to learn and grow. . . . He's our guy, and we're going to support him. But as whole, collective, we could do a better job of just staying on track and helping him out."

Howell said the offense, which totaled 248 yards and converted only 4 of 12 third-down attempts, "could have been better."

"Just a credit to our defense," he added. "Our defense kept making plays all day long and gave us a chance there at the end to put some points up and give us the win."

Sweat, playing in the final season of his contract, recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter and split credit with Abdullah Anderson on another sack in the second quarter to become the first Washington player to record 1.5 sacks and two forced fumbles in a game since Brandon Meriweather in 2014.

Allen all but sealed the game with a clothes-lining sack on Arizona's final drive, and rookie corner Emmanuel Forbes capped it with a pass deflection on the Cardinals' last gasp: on fourth and 10 from their 37. Washington's defense allowed the Cardinals to convert only 4 of 14 third downs (28.6 percent). It also kept Arizona's final five drives to seven plays or fewer and no more than 17 yards each.

"I think the way the unit played as a whole on defense, I thought that was outstanding," Rivera said. ". . . They made plays when they had to.

"They gave us opportunities to create field position, put us in scoring position."

The Commanders' defense totaled 11 tackles for loss, tied for their third most in a game since 2001, when tackles became an official stat. The line accounted for eight, including two apiece by Sweat, Allen and Payne.

To Sweat, the defensive line takeover shouldn't be a surprise.

"At some point, hell yeah," he said. "I mean, [shoot], you see how the team's shaped up. There's nothing but first-rounders on the D-line. That's what we expect to do."

NFL WEEK 1

Commanders fans relish arrival of a new normal

SCENE FROM D1

riding high on the emotional jet fuel of being rid of Daniel Snyder. There was excitement for the future, a sense it was okay to dream again, but the euphoria of this day felt simpler.

Snyder was gone. They were still here.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Washington Commanders' defense closed out the Arizona Cardinals with five straight stops, including two forced fumbles, and the crowd's repeated roars made the 20-16 win feel like the playoff game that new managing partner Josh Harris said he considered it to be.

At one point, the broadcast showed former quarterback Sonny Jurgensen wearing his Hall of Fame jacket and waving to the crowd while standing next to Harris in the owners' suite.

"You're seeing people hugging in the stands," broadcaster Adam Amin said. "When was the last time you saw anything like that in the last decade here in Washington?"

FedEx Field fulfilled its greatest civic duty Sunday by uniting a community. Legends, corporate suits and VIPs cheered alongside lifelong fans: D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser; Taurean Patterson from Woodbridge; Kevin Durant; the Benggio-Coepedge tailgate from Virginia's Gloucester County; Alex Ovechkin; and Joe Clark from Anacostia. The crowd they formed was strong, attuned, loud.

"I played a lot of games [in college] at Texas, and I've been in a 108,000[-fan] packed stadium, and it felt similar to that," right guard Sam Cosmi said.

"There were some times we kind of let them down," running back Brian Robinson Jr. said. "But they was there when we needed them the most."

Early that morning, at 6:44 on Arena Drive outside FedEx Field, six trucks of die-hard fans quite literally witnessed the dawn of the new day. "Happy new year," they told each other, unpacking, and nothing could dim their joy. When a group ofployees realized they had forgotten a keg hose, they sawed off the ends of a washing machine hose with pliers and a pocketknife and fashioned it to the coupler.

"We got beer!" one announced.

Over the next six hours, cars clogged the four arteries into FedEx Field. Undeterred by the steady drizzle, fans unfolded tables, erected tents, fired up grills, blasted music from the team's heyday and shot dice. Footballs, bean bags and bass-heavy beats assailed the air. The vast parking lots remained not quite filled — their vastness a reminder of bygone glory, seas of concrete proving harder to hide than upper-deck seats — but they were undeniably fuller. Even some of the forgotten spaces in the far-flung lots hosted fans again.

Chris Ciliberti from Ashburn was back at FedEx Field for the first time in 14 years. He gave up his tickets, swore off the team until Snyder was dead or gone and spent many Sundays golfing or fishing or with his family instead. He sometimes still watched on TV — he grew up loving the team, after all — and in late July, the day NFL owners approved the sale, he and his wife, Kathryn, purchased tickets.

"It wasn't even a decision," Chris said.

"We're 100 percent in," Kathryn said.

The excitement was infectious. Maria Paras, 8, prepared for her first NFL game by taping to a window of her parents' car a piece of notebook paper she had colored: "GO CMANDER!" During the preseason, Evan Fowler, 41, changed the lock screen of his phone from his new fiancée to Howell. Ronnie Merica, 21, was celebrating his bachelor party with his cousins, and in two weeks, after the wedding, he and his wife plan to attend the Buffalo game as part of their honeymoon.

Ruben Juarez, from Gaithersburg, swept out his arm.

"Look, there's a bunch of tents," he said. "It's never this filled here. It's always empty."

Inside the stadium, the concourse bubbled with optimism. Despite the fan base's hesitance to embrace the name Commanders, several fans stopped to snap a picture with Steve Baumler, the self-proclaimed "Washington Commander," who dressed like a burgundy-and-gold George Washington. The custom Colonial-era get-up was inspired by Chief Zee — Baumler still fondly remembers taking a picture with the icon — and, he said, it took eight months to make and cost roughly "2½ lawyer hours."

Before kickoff, three F-16s flew over the stadium as Mike Phillips played the national anthem on his saxophone. The crowd booed the Cardinals and cheered the Commanders. It erupted when a linebacker put a late hit on Howell and again when Howell threw a touchdown pass and again, just before halftime, in frustration, after a sack-fumble touchdown.

Late in the third quarter, fans ripped Howell after he threw a pass into the dirt on third down. One yelled, "Stop staring the guy down!" Many booed the conservative play-calling when, late in the fourth quarter, Washington ran on three straight plays in the red zone, opting to kick a field goal rather than try for a kill-shot touchdown.

The defense forced a fumble and a turnover on downs. The game was over. The fans mustered one final, tired cheer.

In terms of fans of a professional sports team, the crowd was *normal* — a description usually reserved for other stadiums in other cities. But here's the thing: The fans weren't just here to prove a point, to celebrate the chapter after Snyder. They were here because they care, and after two decades of decay and disrespect, they want better. And, at least on Sunday, they got it.



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

Commanders fans arrived early Sunday morning to tailgate in FedEx Field parking lots that were noticeably fuller than in recent seasons.

Commanders 20, Cardinals 16

ARIZONA	3	10	3	0	—16
WASHINGTON	7	3	0	10	—20

FIRST QUARTER
Washington: Robinson 7 pass from Howell (Slye kick), 4:15.
Arizona: FG Prater 28, :53.

SECOND QUARTER
Arizona: FG Prater 54, 13:26.
Arizona: C.Thomas 2 fumble return (Prater kick), :55.
Washington: FG Slye 30, :00.

THIRD QUARTER
Arizona: FG Prater 37, 10:09.

FOURTH QUARTER
Washington: Howell 6 run (Slye kick), 11:48.
Washington: FG Slye 33, 2:23.

	ARI	WAS
First downs	13	21
Rushing	4	7
Passing	9	10
Penalty	0	4
Third-down efficiency	4-14	4-12
Fourth-down efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total net yards	210	248
Total plays	58	65
Average gain	3.8	3.3
Net yards rushing	96	92
Rushes	25	28
Average per rush	3.8	3.3
Net yards passing	114	156
Sacked-Yards lost	3-18	6-46
Gross yards passing	132	202
Completed-Attempted	21-30	19-31
Had intercepted	0	1
Yards per pass play	3.5	4.2
Kickoffs-End zone-TB	5-5-4	4-4-4
Punts-Average	5-47.0	6-44.3
Punts blocked	0	0
FGs-PATs blocked	0-0	0-0
Total return yardage	25	31
Punt returns	4-24	3-10
Kickoff returns	0-0	1-21
Interceptions	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-122	8-69
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Time of possession	28:36	31:24

PASSING
Arizona: Dobbs 21-30-0-132.
Washington: Howell 19-31-1-202.

RUSHING
Arizona: Conner 15-62, Brown 1-29, Moore 2-12, Dobbs 3-(minus 3), Ingram 5-(minus 4).
Washington: Robinson 19-59, Howell 2-11, Gibson 3-9, Rodriguez 3-7, Samuel 1-6.

RECEIVING
Arizona: Ertz 6-21, Conner 5-8, Moore 3-33, Brown 3-28, McBride 2-23, Mi.Wilson 2-19.
Washington: Samuel 5-54, Dotson 5-40, Thomas 4-43, McLaurin 2-31, Turner 1-17, Gibson 1-10, Robinson 1-7.

PUNT RETURNS
Arizona: Dortch 4-24.
Washington: Crowder 3-10.

KICKOFF RETURNS
Arizona: None.
Washington: Gibson 1-21.

TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS
Arizona: K.White 5-3-0, Ma.Wilson 5-1-0, Wallace 4-3-0, Thompson 4-2-0, Ledbetter 3-2-1, Watkins 3-2-1, Gardeck 3-1-2, Baker 3-1-0, Clark 3-0-0, Collier 2-0-0, Luketa 2-0-0, Dimukeje 1-1-1, Barnes 1-1-0, Strong 1-1-0, Fotu 1-0-1, Collins 0-2-0, Woods 0-2-0, Ojulari 0-1-0, C.Thomas 0-1-0.
Washington: Curl 8-2-0, Davis 4-2-0, J.Allen 4-0-1, Fuller 3-3-0, Sweat 3-1-1.5, Barton 3-1-0, St-Juste 3-1-0, Forbes 3-0-0, Forrest 2-2-0, Toohill 2-1-0, Payne 2-0-0, Butler 1-2-0, Smith-Williams 1-2-0, Anderson 1-1-.5, Ridgeway 0-1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS
Arizona: Collins 1-1.
Washington: None.

MISSED FIELD GOALS
None.

Commanders' schedule

Week 1
at Commanders 20, Cardinals 16

Week 2 at Broncos
Sept. 17, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)

Week 3 vs. Bills
Sept. 24, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 4 at Eagles
Oct. 1, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 5 vs. Bears
Oct. 5 (Thurs.), 8:15 p.m. (Prime Video)

Week 6 at Falcons
Oct. 15, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 7 at Giants
Oct. 22, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 8 vs. Eagles
Oct. 29, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 9 at Patriots
Nov. 5, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 10 at Seahawks
Nov. 12, 4:25 p.m. (Fox)

Week 11 vs. Giants
Nov. 19, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 12 at Cowboys
Nov. 23, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Week 13 vs. Dolphins
Dec. 3, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 14
Bye

Week 15 at Rams
Dec. 17, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Week 16 at Jets
Dec. 24, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 17 vs. 49ers
Dec. 31, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 18 vs. Cowboys
Jan. 6/7; date, time and TV TBD

TAKEAWAYS

An ugly victory begins new era in Washington

Josh Harris, who led the investment group that purchased the Washington Commanders from Daniel Snyder for a record $6.05 billion in July, said Sunday's opener would "feel like a playoff game" to him. Amid a festive atmosphere and in front of a rare sellout crowd that included several franchise legends, Washington took the first step toward giving its new owner and reinvigorated fan base an actual taste of the postseason by taking care of business against the lowly Arizona Cardinals. To achieve that goal, it will require much better performances by the Commanders going forward.

Favored by at least a touchdown for the first time in Coach Ron Rivera's tenure, Washington trailed 16-10 late in the third quarter. The Commanders committed three turnovers and eight penalties, and fans booed new coordinator Eric Bieniemy's offense after a second-half possession resulted in a punt.

Washington ultimately did just enough to hand the Cardinals their eighth straight loss.



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

Montez Sweat strips the ball from Cardinals quarterback Josh Dobbs, setting up a Washington scoring drive in the third quarter.

Howell struggles

Making his second career start, quarterback Sam Howell looked shakier than he did during an impressive preseason. The second-year pro completed 19 of 31 passes for 202 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also lost a fumble on a sack near the goal line, which resulted in a Cardinals touchdown late in the first half.

Howell had his moments, including the go-ahead six-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. He rebounded from a huge and illegal hit that prompted a brief trip to the medical tent to lead a long touchdown drive in the first quarter, capping the march with a nifty sidearm pass to running back Brian Robinson Jr. after scrambling to his left to keep the play alive. Howell also showed poise in shaking off the sack-fumble late in the first half by leading a seven-play, 69-yard drive that resulted in a field goal as the second quarter expired.

Defense takes over

Montez Sweat and Daron Payne combined for the game-changing play late in the third quarter. On third and long from the Arizona 35, Sweat sacked Cardinals quarterback Josh Dobbs, knocking the ball out of his grasp. Payne pounced on the fumble at the Arizona 29, giving Washington's struggling offense its best starting field position of the day and bringing the crowd back to life. Seven plays later, Howell's scamper put the Commanders ahead for good.

Defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio's unit didn't let up. The Commanders forced a three-and-out on Arizona's next possession. Midway through the fourth quarter, with Washington clinging to a one-point lead, Sweat forced a second fumble after Dobbs bobbled the snap. Abdullah Anderson recovered at the Arizona 37, leading to a Commanders field goal. Washington limited the Cardinals to 210 total yards and four third-down conversions on 14 attempts.

Shaky offensive line

Outside of Howell's readiness to become a dependable starter, the offensive line was the Commanders' biggest question mark coming into the season. Questions remain after the unit's performance against a Cardinals defense that isn't exactly known for its fierce pass rush. Howell was sacked four times in the first half and six times in the game. While the blame for at least some of those sacks can be attributed to Howell holding the ball too long, an apparent protection breakdown gave defensive tackle Carlos Watkins a free shot on the Commanders' quarterback in the third quarter.

The offensive line deserves credit for limiting its penalties and paving the way for Robinson on Washington's go-ahead drive. The second-year running back opened the possession with four consecutive carries, for 21 yards.

— Scott Allen

Cardinals' drives

	Time received	How ball obtained	Drive began	Number of plays	Net yards	Last snap	Drive result
1	10:59	Punt	ARI 17	6	13	ARI 30	Punt
2	4:15	Kickoff	ARI 25	8	64	WAS 11	Field goal
3	14:46	Interception	WAS 37	4	1	WAS 36	Field goal
4	8:51	Fumble	ARI 16	3	-1	ARI 15	Punt
5	4:27	Punt	ARI 12	6	25	ARI 37	Punt
6	15:00	Kickoff	ARI 25	11	56	WAS 19	Field goal
7	5:22	Punt	ARI 25	4	14	ARI 39	Punt
8	1:28	Punt	ARI 40	3	-11	ARI 35	Fumble
9	11:48	Kickoff	ARI 25	3	-2	ARI 23	Punt
10	7:37	Punt	ARI 21	7	17	ARI 40	Fumble
11	2:23	Kickoff	ARI 25	6	12	ARI 37	Downs

Commanders' drives

	Time received	How ball obtained	Drive began	Number of plays	Net yards	Last snap	Drive result
1	15:00	Kickoff	WAS 25	8	26	ARI 49	Punt
2	7:35	Punt	WAS 9	6	91	ARI 7	Touchdown
3	0:53	Kickoff	WAS 25	2	4	WAS 29	Interception
4	13:26	Kickoff	WAS 25	8	59	ARI 19	Fumble
5	6:17	Punt	ARI 49	4	4	ARI 45	Punt
6	1:29	Punt	WAS 12	4	-10	WAS 26	Fumble
7	0:55	Kickoff	WAS 19	7	69	ARI 12	Field goal
8	10:09	Kickoff	WAS 25	7	0	WAS 25	Punt
9	2:54	Punt	WAS 25	3	2	WAS 27	Punt
10	0:02	Fumble	ARI 29	7	29	ARI 6	Touchdown
11	9:47	Punt	WAS 24	3	9	WAS 33	Punt
12	4:38	Fumble	ARI 22	4	7	ARI 15	Field goal
13	1:10	Downs	ARI 36	4	-5	ARI 41	Punt

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815 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ACTION AGAINST TIMOTHY WARREN
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, CIVIL DIVISION.

Mamie Preston has filed an action in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia ("DC"), Civil Action No. 2022 CA 004475 B against Timothy Warren ("Warren") alleging Warren was involved in the construction at 3646 13th Street NW Washington, DC. That said construction was caried out negligently and in violation of DC laws. Preston has filed a Complaint and the case assigned to the Honorable Judge Robert R. Rigsby. A hearing has been scheduled on December 1, 2023, at 10:00 am. An answer or other response to the Complaint must be filed by Warren no later than Twenty-one (21) days from the date of the last publication of this notice, which will occur on September 11, 2023. If no answer or other response is filed by that date, the Court may render a judgment against Warren.

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Public Notice
Estate of Beryl E. Lashley

Unknown heirs of Beryl E. Lashley, deceased on November 22, 2021: You are hereby notified that the Personal Representative of the above Estate has filed a First and Final Accounting at the Register of Wills, Sussex County, 5 E. Pine Street, Georgetown, DE 19947. Beryl E. Lashley resided at 8 Hoornkill Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958. Anyone who is a beneficiary for this Estate, the account will be open for your inspection and exception for three months from the date of this notice.

Personal Representative:
Marcella Rene Turk – 408 Barclay Blvd., Princetown, NJ 08540

825 Bids & Proposals

On September 7, 2023, NOAA Fisheries published a proposed incidental harassment authorization for public comment in the Federal Register (open until October 9, 20203), pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The proposed IHA would authorize the "take" of marine mammals incidental to the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles' Pier Maintenance and Bank Stabilization Project in Port Angeles, WA. You can find information related to this action at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-us-coast-guard-air-station-port-angeles-pier-maintenance-and.

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

RUSSELLS. DRAZIN, Substitute Trustee
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
Plaintiff,

v.

MCR PARTNERS LLC, a Maryland limited liability company
205 Paula Lynn Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Defendant.

Case No. C-15-CV-23-000350

Action Involving Real Property
18508 Hedgegrove Terrace
Olney, MD 20832

Account ID 08-02310355

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, this **7 day of September, 2023**, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and commonly known as **18508 Hedgegrove Terrace, Olney, MD 20832**, made and reported by Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9 day of October, 2023**, provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, once in each for three successive weeks, before the **9th day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$600,000.00**.

Karen A Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435093

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rock-ville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

JAMES DANIEL BROCK
1122 Drum Avenue
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
Defendant(s).

Case No.CAEF19-18428

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **7 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **1122 Drum Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9 day of Ocotober, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$200,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland #769

BWW#MD-336466

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435087

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

V.

ESTATE OF CARRIE L LEE, et al, Defendants.

Case No. C-16-CV-23-001470

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **30 day of August, 2023,** that the sale of the property in this case, **412 QUARRY PLACE CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **30 day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **30 day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$354,948.25**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk #793

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435084

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

BARBARA ASHE
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C16CV23000652

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **6 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **2103 Old Fort Hills Court, Fort Washington, MD 20744**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of October, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **6 day of October, 2023**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$365,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S

Trustees File #: 21-289628

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs, Substitute Trustees

v.

ESTATE OF MICHAELS. DUNCANS
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. C-16-CV-22-000717

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **6 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **3301 28th Parkway, Temple Hills, MD 20748** will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **6 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$276,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND #769

SIWPC File# 50185

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435006

840 Trustees Sale - DC

3424 SUMMIT COURT, NE, WASHINGTON DC 20018

UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SALE OF valuable Condominium Unit located at **3424 Summit Court, NE, Washington, DC 20018** , contained within premises of Fort Lincoln Condominium No. 3. In accordance with Declaration of Condominium, as amended, and Bylaws relating thereto, as amended, both recorded on August 20, 1979 as instrument numbers 27393 and 27394, respectively, and pursuant to the power of sale under Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, as amended, notice filed on August 15, 2023, at the request of the attorney for the Unit Owners' Association, we shall sell at public auction on **September 19, 2023 at 10:45 AM** within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, the land and premises situated in District of Columbia and designated as and being Lot 2312, Square 4325.

TOGETHER WITH all the appurtenances incident to said Unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

The Declaration of Condominium allocates to the condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the Common Elements of the Condominium as set forth therein. D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue proposed Real Property Taxable Assessment of $267,080.00 for Unit in Tax Year 2023.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended, and Bylaws relating thereto, as amended.

TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to existing deed(s) of trust, real estate taxes, if any, any other prior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any, further particulars of which may be announced at sale. A deposit in the amount of $20,000.00 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash, certified check, or in such other form as the attorney for the Unit Owners' Association in his sole discretion requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. All adjustments made as of date of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the Unit may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the Owners' Association and at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Owners' Association representations or warranties as to title: the Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and, therefore, must be able to pay the purchase balance in cash within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed, purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit in which event the sale of the Unit to such purchaser is null and void.

Attorney for Owners' Association
Eric P. Bock
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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs,
Substitute Trustees

V.

JAMES M KELLY
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. CAEF22-17067

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **6 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **8208 Redview Drive, District Heights, MD 20747** will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **6 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$288,600.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND #793

SIWPC File# 80565

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435040

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

MARILYN P. MOWATI NKA
MARILYN J. MOWATT
4400 29th Street
Mount Rainier, MD 20712
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-23-001711

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **6 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **4400 29th Street, Mount Rainier, MD 20712**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted
in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **6 day of October, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$391,049.49**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland #769

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

SHELLEY A DODSON, et al,
Defendants,

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000942

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **30 day of August, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **11205 PROSPECT HILL ROAD, GLENN DALE, MD 20769**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **30 day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **30 day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$435,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk #793

Sep 11,18,25 2023 0012435074

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs, Substitute Trustees

v.

STEVEN L WHITE
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. CAEF22-02157

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **6 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **4008 Welsley Lane, Bowie, MD 20715** will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **6 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$181,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND #769

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

512 RIDGE ROAD SE UNIT 206, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case: 2017 CA 003240 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 512 RIDGE ROAD SE UNIT 206, WASHINGTON DC 20019 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being Lot 2019 in Square 5396, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on APRIL 24, 2006 as Instrument Number: 2006053646.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 17-9000016

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853 Calvert County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
Kyle Blackstone
Kathleen Young
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Christine Apostle, a/k/a
Christine Bowyer
425 Rodeo Road
Lusby, MD 20657
Defendant

Case No. C-04-CV-23-000261

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **6th day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Calvert County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6th day of October, 2023**,provided a copy of this notice be pubished in a newspaper of general circulation in Calvert County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **6th day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$187,757.71**. The property sold herein is known as **425 Rodeo Road, Lusby, MD 20657**.

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Calvert County, Maryland

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853 Calvert County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Heather A. Golding
236 Thunderbird Drive
Lusby, MD 20657
Defendant

Case No. C-04-CV-19-000520

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **6th day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Calvert County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confinned, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6th day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Calvert County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **6th day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount ofthe foreclosure sale price to be **$304,200.00**. The property sold herein is known as **236 Thunderbird Drive, Lusby, MD 20657**.

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Calvert County, Maryland

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
TWO-STORY RESIDENTIAL
SINGLE FAMILY (SEMI-DETACHED)
2349 S STREET, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020

By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (Commercial Purposes) dated February 9, 2022 and duly recorded on February 11, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022016362 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and Collateral Assignments of Leases and Rents recorded February 11, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022016363 among the Land Records and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023071710 a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT 10:10 AM

All right, title and interest in and to those premises more commonly known as 2349 S Street, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020 which is more particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered Forty-five (45) in Square numbered Fifty-six Hundred Twenty-seven (5627) in the U.S. Realty Company's subdivision of part of Randle Highlands as per plat recorded in Liber county 21 at folio 31 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
Note: At the date hereof, the above-described property is known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Square 5627, Lot 0045.
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of $19,000 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid, the Substitute Trustee reserves the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Kermit A. Rosenberg, Esquire at 202.683.2014.

Substitute Trustee
Kermit A. Rosenberg

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1200 Potomac Street NW, T5, Washington, DC 20007

The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Alex Cooper's Auctioneers, 4910 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on

September 14, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from 1200 Potomac NW LLC, dated August 4, 2022, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2022085175 on August 12, 2022 with an original principal balance of $1,069,782.10, and an original annual interest rate of 10.50%, with a default rate of 23% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.
Part of Lot 41 in Square 1206 in a subdivision made by M & Potomac Street Associates Limited Partnership, as per plat recorded in Liber 171 at folio 149 among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
The part of the land being more particularly designated as Unit No. T-5 of the Eton, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded April 8, 1981 as Instrument No. 11438 and By-Laws relating thereto recorded April 8, 1981 as Instrument No. 11439among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in Condominium Book No. 28 at page 18 of the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
NOTE: At the date hereof the above-described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for taxation and assessment purposes as Lot 2015 in Square 1206.
TOGETHER WITH all of the appurtenances incident to said Unit(s), as contained in the Declaration of Condominium.
SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium and the By-Laws relating thereto.
The condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Condominium Declaration.
The improvements thereon being known as 1200 Potomac Street, NW, Unit T5, Washington, DC 20007
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in fee simple subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of the lesser of $85,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in cash, certified check, or other form as Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within thirty days of the sale. At the Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the sale, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have to resell the property. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of a resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms may be announced at sale. CGD File #460127
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840 Trustees Sale - DC

740 OGLETHORPE STREET NE, WASHINGTON DC 20011

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case: 2016 CA 007792 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 740 OGLETHORPE STREET NE, WASHINGTON DC 20011 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being Lot 0015 in Square 3735, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on AUGUST 30, 2005 as Instrument Number: 2005121809.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 15-900095

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TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5123 8th Street NW
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The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Alex Coopers Auctioneers, 4910 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on

September 14, 2023 AT 1:58 P.M.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from Grapplers Corp., dated April 23, 2021, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2021056977 on April 27, 2021, with an original principal balance of $599,187.00, and an original interest rate of 10.0% per annum with a default rate of 25% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.
The following described land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia and known and distinguished as: Lot Numbered Sixty-Eight 68, in the subdivision made by Morris Cafritz of Lots in Square Numbered 3149, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 80 at Folio 7.
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in fee simple subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of the lesser of $74,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in cash, certified check, or other form as Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within 30 days of the sale. At the Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the sale, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have to resell the property. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 25% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms may be announced at sale. CGD File #: 458042
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF END UNIT BRICK ROWHOUSE KNOWN AS 1343 RANDOLPH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20011

By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated July 28, 2021 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded August 5, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021105934 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and subsequently modified by a certain Modification of Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2022 and duly recorded August 3, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022082377 (as modified, the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023065968, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

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the following described land and premises.
All that piece or parcel of land, together with improvements, rights, privileges, and appurtenances to the same belonging, situated in the District of Columbia, and is described as follows:
The West 27.74 feet front on Randolph Street by the full depth thereof of Lot 100 in Square 2824, in a subdivision made by Jacob S. Gruver and others, as per plat recorded in Liber No. 65, folio 30 of the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
Parcel ID: 2824-0820
As of the date hereof, the above-described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor for the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot numbered 820, in Square numbered 2824.
Also known as 1343 Randolph Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20011
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 15 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the Substitute Trustees reserve the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustees may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Jung Kim, Esquire at 202-900-8595.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF 4 UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AND PARKING SPACE KNOWN AS
1461 CHAPIN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009.

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated September 28, 2021 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded October 18, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021137468 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023068571, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

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The property to be sold consists of the Original Secured Property located in the District of Columbia which is currently subdivided and is as follows:
Lot Numbered One Hundred Eighty-One (181) in Harry Wardman and other subdivision of Lot Numbered Thirty-Six (36) in the subdivision of the "The South Grounds of Columbia University" and of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block 18 "Meridian Hill", per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber County 19 at Folio 76, (the "Real Property") which has the address of 1461 Chapin Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009. Square 2662 Lot 0181. (The "Original Secured Property")
The property consists of 4 individual condominium units and one parking space. The units were a former portion of Square 2662 Lot 0181, which is currently subdivided into Square 2662 Lots 2291-2295 being further described as follows:
Residential Units One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Parking Space One (P-1) in the Condominium known as "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" according to the Declaration of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019030747, and the By-Laws of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019030748, and said final Plat and Plans of Condominium Subdivision recorded December 15, 2022, in Condo Book 104 at Page 50, as amended by that First Amended and Restated Declaration and that First Amended and Restated Bylaws as Instrument Numbers 2022125679 and 2022125680 on December 23, 2022, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, together with an undivided percentage share interest in the Common Elements of said "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" as set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and the Exhibits thereto, the Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Residential Units an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest")
The Percentage Interests of the Condominium Units are set forth in the Condominium Declaration, said Condominium project is situate on Lot 181 (now known after subdivision as Lots 2291-2295 in Square 2662 in the subdivision made by Harry Wardman and others, as per plat recorded in Liber County 19 at folio 76 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia but for which no certificate of occupancy permits has yet to be issued. (Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
Parcel ID: 2662-2291 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 1
Parcel ID: 2662-2292 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 2
Parcel ID: 2662-2293 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 3
Parcel ID: 2662-2294 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 4
Parcel ID: 2662-2295 1461 Chapin Street, NW # P-1
1461 Chapin Street, NW Units 1, 2, 3, 4 & P-1
(Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The property will be offered individually and as an entirety. The sale will be made in the manner producing the greater amount of money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to change the manner of offering at the time of sale.
The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000 per unit for Units 1, 2, 3, 4 if sold individually and a deposit of $5,000 on Parking Space (P-1) if sold individually. If the combined bids on those units and parking space sold individually does not satisfy the debt, then those bids shall be held in abeyance, and the units and parking space shall be offered together. If sold as an entirety, a deposit in the amount of $105,000. The highest bid offered between the combined bids of the units and parking space sold individually or the units and parking space sold as an entirety shall be the winning bid. All deposits must be in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note default rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. The Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. In the event that settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper 443-470-1437.
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517 PARKLAND PLACE, SOUTHEAST, WASHINGTON DC 20032

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case: 2016 CA 008366 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 517 PARKLAND PLACE, SOUTHEAST, WASHINGTON DC 20032. at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463 4567 On **SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being Lot 0057 in Square 5988, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on MAY 10, 2008 as Instrument Number: 2008062807.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $35,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 16-900020

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2142 CATHEDRAL AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON DC 20008

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2015 CA 006251 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 2142 CATHEDRAL AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON DC 20008 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0054 in Square 2205, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on DECEMBER 14, 2005 as Instrument Number: 2005178953.
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $50,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**
If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale 1 audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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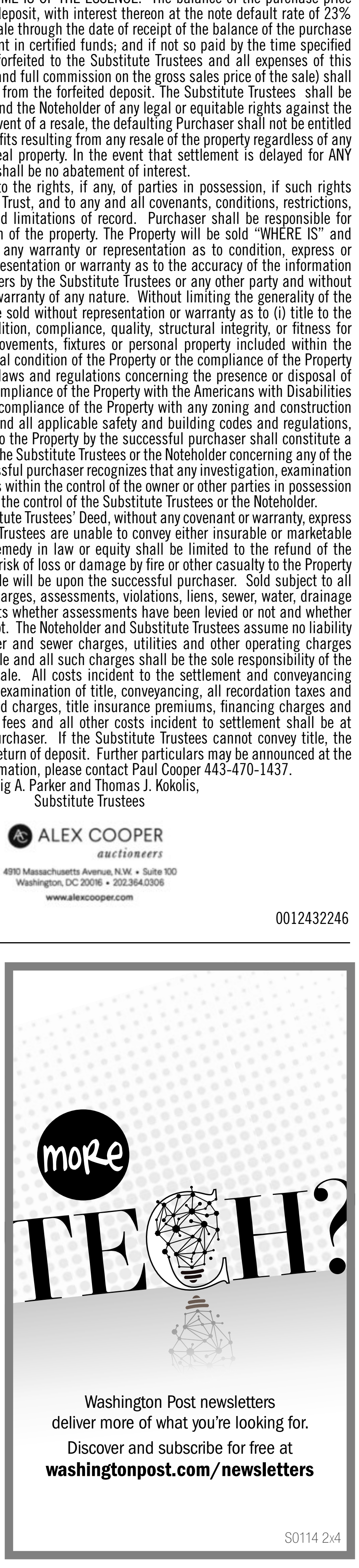
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
4620 Hanna Place, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0227 in Square 5359**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents ("Deed of Trust") dated April 30, 2021 and recorded on June 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021075473 from 4620 Hanna LLC, as grantor, to T. D. Service Company ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, securing that certain Term Note dated April 30, 2021 in the principal amount of $281,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated July 21, 2023 and recorded on July 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023064442 removing Original Trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as successor trustee under the Deed of Trust, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 4620 Hanna Place, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0227 in Square 5359), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Trustee in connection with such default.

If Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Trustee reserves the right, in Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**
KNOWN AS
**13016 Gershwin Way
Silver Spring, MD 20904**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to VALORIE KACHERIAN, Trustee(s), dated January 12, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 31695, folio 750, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 at 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK LETTERED "D" IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "TANGLEWOOD", AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 114 AT PLAT NO. 13538 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $44,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (15-24844)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
3 Silverwood Circle, 2
Annapolis, MD 21403**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from SHERYL K. BARNES, dated February 1, 2006 and recorded in Liber 17527, folio 040 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-23-000660; Tax ID No.06-212-90018250) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/ assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 21-003432)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY**

**449 Cleveland Rd
Linthicum, MD 21090**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MICHAEL ANTHONY MURPHY AND AMY L. MURPHY, dated March 26, 2010 and recorded in Liber 22203, folio 1 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-23-000798; Tax ID No.05-747-11755600) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/ assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-011253)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY**
**412 Seventh Ave NE
Glen Burnie, MD 21060**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from SUSAN G. MORELAND, dated October 25, 2007 and recorded in Liber 19643, folio 638 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-23-001013; Tax ID No.559-11696703) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-000905)

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
24636 Woolly Mammoth Terrace, #401
Stone Ridge, Virginia 20105**

In execution of a certain liens for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of certain memoranda of liens in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Loudoun** ("Land Records") on April 23, 2021, as Instrument Number 20210423-0047730, and on April 21, 2022, as Instrument Number 20220421-0024026 (collectively, "Liens"), the Centre Park at Stone Ridge Condominium Unit Owners Association ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **October 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**, at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia, the real property and improvements with the street address of **24636 Woolly Mammoth Terrace, #401, Stone Ridge, Virginia 20105 (Parcel ID # 204260732020)** ("Property") and briefly described as:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. E-401, PHASE 4, BUILDING E, CENTRE PARK AT STONE RIDGE CONDOMINIUM, TOGETHER WITH THE USE OF THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, INCLUDING THE USE OF LIMITED COMMON ELEMENT GARAGE UNIT NO. E-401, ESTABLISHED BY CONDOMINIUM INSTRUMENTS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2014, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 20140226-0009257, WITH PLAT AND PLANS RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 20140226-0009258, AND ANY AND ALL SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS RECORDED SUBSEQUENT THERETO, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty, as to any respect, restriction, covenant, or condition of the Property or any limited common elements appurtenant thereto and subject to any liens, violations, and or all other matters taking priority over the Association's Lien(s), including, but not limited to, any deeds of trust. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the Association's original, if applicable, Declaration, and Bylaws and or any other governing instrument, and any amendments thereto.

A nonrefundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required to be paid by the successful bidder in cash, certified funds or by cashier's check. Settlement within 30 days of sale. Additional terms to be announced at sale. If Trustee is unable for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in law and equity shall be the return of its deposit, without interest. Trustee reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time as determined by Trustee. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Direct any inquiries to counsel for the Association, Kristen L. Buck, Rees Broome, PC, 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 790-1911.

Bean Kinney & Korman, P.C., Trustee, Attn: Andrea Campbell Davison, 2311 Wilson Blvd., Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22201, 703-525-4000 (Telephone), adavison@beankinney.com

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
20415 Riverbend Square, #103
Sterling, Virginia 20165**

In execution of certain liens for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of certain Memoranda of Condominium Liens in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Loudoun** ("Land Records") on December 15, 2020 as Instrument Number 20201215-0123372 and on October 12, 2021 as Instrument Number 20211012-0105168 ("Liens"), Riverbend at Cascades Condominium Unit Owners Association ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **October 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**, at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20178, the real property and improvements with the street address of **20415 Riverbend Square, #103, Sterling, Virginia 20165 (Parcel ID # 011455489004)** ("Property") and briefly described as:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 20415-103, PHASE 4B, RIVERBEND AT CASCADES CONDOMINIUM, AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, ESTABLISHED BY CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1235, PAGE 1009, AND ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD FORMING THE CHAIN OF TITLE TO THE SAID PROPERTY.

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty, as to any respect, restriction, covenant, or condition of the Property or any limited common elements appurtenant thereto and subject to any liens, violations, and or all other matters taking priority over the Association's Lien, including, but not limited to, any deeds of trust. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the Association's original, if applicable, Declaration, Bylaws, and any other governing instrument, and all amendments thereto.

A nonrefundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required to be paid by the successful bidder in cash, certified funds or by cashier's check. Settlement within 30 days of sale. Additional terms to be announced at sale. If Trustee is unable for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in law and equity shall be the return of its deposit, without interest. Trustee reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time as determined by Trustee. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

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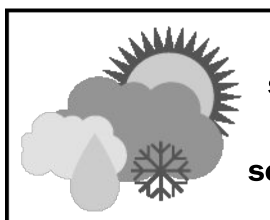
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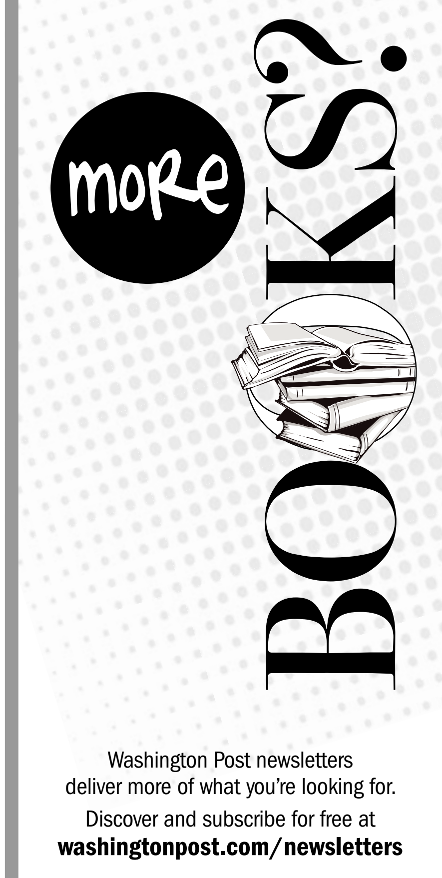

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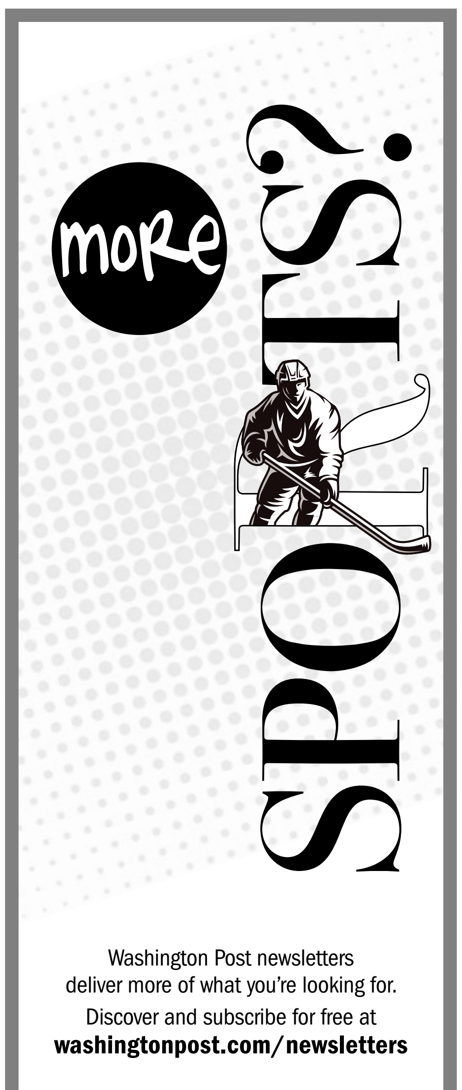
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SOCCER ROUNDUP

With kiss backlash unrelenting, Spain's Rubiales resigns

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Luis Rubiales, the center of a firestorm after he kissed player Jenni Hermoso on the lips after Spain's victory in the World Cup final last month, resigned as president of the Spanish soccer federation, he announced Sunday.

Rubiales said he "cannot continue my work" during an interview on "Piers Morgan Uncensored" and followed that with a letter to the federation in which he said he also would step down as a vice president of UEFA, European soccer's governing body.

The Spanish federation confirmed Sunday that Rubiales tendered his resignation from its organization and from UEFA.

Rubiales, 46, had drawn widespread condemnation for the kiss, which took place during the award ceremony. He was in the midst of a 90-day suspension by FIFA, soccer's global governing body, and his decision followed a call by leaders of the Spanish federation for him to step down as well as Spain's women's team saying it would play no matches until he was removed.

On Friday, the attorney general of Spain issued a formal complaint against Rubiales, accusing him of sexual assault and coercion.

"[My father], my daughters — I spoke with them. They know it's not a question about me," Rubiales said in the interview with Morgan. "Some friends very close to me say, 'Luis, you have to focus on your dignity and to continue your life because you are going to damage people you love.' . . . In this situation now, this is the thing that I have to do."

Rubiales had claimed his kiss of Hermoso was "mutual" and "consensual," but FIFA quickly handed down a provisional suspension.

"It is evident that I will not be able to return to my position," read Rubiales's statement, which was written in Spanish, per the BBC.

— Cindy Boren

• **MLS:** Bruce Arena, the winningest coach in MLS history, resigned from his post as head coach and sporting director of the New England Revolution late Saturday night — six weeks after he was placed on administrative leave amid allegations of insensitive and inappropriate remarks.

In a statement, MLS said its investigation confirmed "certain of these allegations."

— Steven Goff

• **NORWAY:** Former U.S. men's national team coach Bob Bradley returned to manage Stabaek after leading the club from 2014 to 2015.

• **GERMANY:** Germany fired men's national team coach Hansi Flick one day after a 4-1 exhibition loss to Japan in Wolfsburg.

Netherlands edges Ireland

In European Championship qualifying, the Dutch men's national team recovered from Virgil van Dijk conceding an early penalty to beat Ireland, 2-1, in Dublin.

Cody Gakpo scored a penalty to draw the Netherlands level in the 19th minute, and Wout Weghorst netted the winner in the 56th.

The Netherlands and Greece are tied for the second qualifying spot in Group B behind France after Greece beat visiting Gibraltar, 5-0, in Nea Filadelfeia. . . .

Poland is in danger of missing out on a Euro spot for the first time in 20 years after a 2-0 loss at Group E leader Albania in Tirana. . . .

In Group H, Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg's 86th-minute goal gave Denmark a 1-0 win over Finland in Helsinki.

• **MLS:** Billy Sharp scored an 82nd-minute equalizer as the L.A. Galaxy rallied for a 2-2 draw with St. Louis City in Carson, Calif.

— Associated Press

Mystics win at buzzer to lock in a playoff rematch

MYSTICS 90, LIBERTY 88

BY KAREEM COPELAND

NEW YORK — Natasha Cloud and Brittney Sykes determined they were deciding this game, no matter what.

The Washington Mystics and New York Liberty were tied with 0.5 seconds left Sunday afternoon. Coming out of a timeout, the Mystics had the ball just to the right of the New York basket, and Coach Eric Thibault called a play they hadn't run in practice all season. As Sykes curled off an Elena Delle Donne screen, the ball was supposed to go to whomever the defense left unguarded, either Delle Donne or Sykes. Cloud said the ball was going to Sykes — period.

Cloud tossed a perfect lob, and Sykes caught the pass, hung in the air and shot a soft floater all in the same motion for the winning basket as time expired. Washington's 90-88 victory secured a playoff rematch: The No. 7 seed Mystics (19-21) locked the Liberty (32-8) into the No. 2 seed, and the squads will open a best-of-three series here Friday. Game 2 is Sept. 19 in New York, with Game 3, if necessary, Sept. 22 in Washington.

The teams split their four-game season series; the Mystics won the season opener and the regular season finale.

"We wanted to send a message that you are going to have to see us all series long," Cloud said. "Regardless of the injuries, regardless of whatever — you've got to go through a really good team still and a team that's hungry, a team full of dogs, a team full of relentless people that have been through a f---ing storm this year and are hungry. So we just wanted to make ourselves known and let it be known that this is going to be a really good series."

Washington had nothing but pride to play for Sunday, but Thibault wanted to thread the needle, allowing his players to get into a rhythm heading into the postseason while not playing anyone "crazy" minutes. He did just that, for the most part, although Cloud and Sykes each surpassed 30 minutes.

"I think they knew that New York was likely our matchup," Thibault said. "And I don't think they wanted to come in here and show any weakness or feeling that we were just going to roll over and give them one. We've just got prideful pro basketball players — very competitive people — and if they're going to lace them up, they're going to play."

Washington led 86-76 with less than four minutes remaining, but New York ripped off a 12-2 stretch to tie the score on a Breanna Stewart layup with 21.5 seconds left. Stewart then blocked Delle Donne's jumper, and the ball went out of bounds with 0.5 seconds left. Cloud took a step back to get a better angle to inbound over 6-foot-6 forward Jonquel Jones, the 2021 MVP. Sykes repositioned Delle Donne so she could come off the screen closer to the rim for an easier shot over the 6-4 Stewart, the 2018 MVP.

After the basket, Sykes sprinted downcourt screaming and ripping her jersey out of her shorts as Cloud waved goodbye to the New York crowd.

Sykes scored 20 points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out six assists. Cloud posted 17 points, six rebounds and five assists. Delle Donne and Ariel Atkins had 11 points each.

Here's what else to know about the Mystics' win:

Austin update

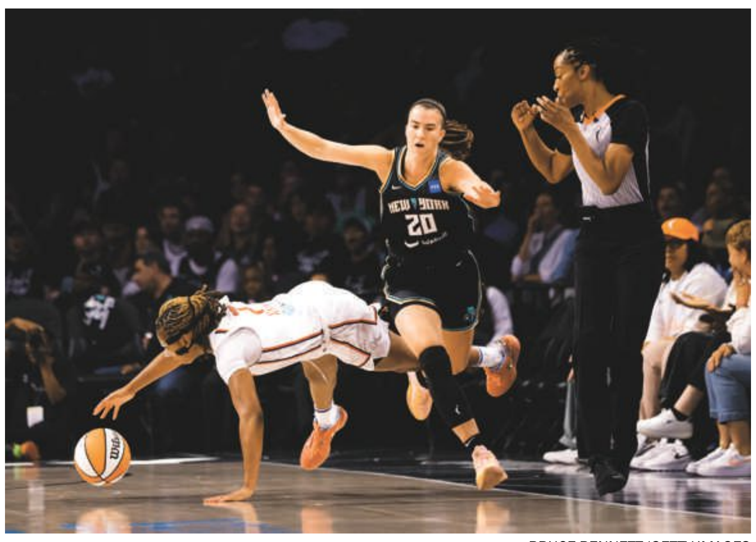
Mystics center Shakira Austin (hip) saw a specialist Friday, and Thibault said the team wants her to see another doctor before it decides her availability in the near future. Thibault couldn't say whether she would return during the playoffs.

"There's still some different options, directions being discussed," he said. "Obviously we need to make sure that we're doing the right thing for her — not just now but long term. And she's a future key part of this team."

Cloud hits milestone

Cloud surpassed 2,000 career points to become the eighth player to hit that benchmark with the Mystics.

WNBA playoffs, first round
Game 1: Mystics at Liberty
Friday, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2


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Liberty star Sabrina Ionescu scored 20 points against Ariel Atkins and the Mystics. The teams will meet in a first-round playoff series.

WNBA ROUNDUP

Thomas makes history, but Chicago gets victory

SKY 102, SUN 91 (OT)

ASSOCIATED PRESS

During a regular season finale in which Connecticut's Alyssa Thomas set several WNBA records, Courtney Williams finished with a triple-double, scoring six of her 23 points in overtime, to rally the Chicago Sky to a 102-91 victory over the Sun on Sunday in Uncasville, Conn.

Chicago will open the playoffs on the road against the top-seeded Las Vegas Aces on Wednesday night, when No. 3 seed Connecticut will host the sixth-seeded Minnesota Lynx.

Thomas had five points, five rebounds and four assists, playing just 16:24 for the Sun. She became the first player in league history to record at least 600 points, 400 rebounds and 300 assists in a season. She also set a league record with 316 assists.

Chicago (18-22) played without star guard Kahleah Copper, who signed a two-year extension earlier in the day.

• **FEVER 87, LYNX 72:** Kelsey Mitchell scored 24 points and Aliyah Boston added 19 as Indiana topped Minnesota in Indianapolis.

The loss dropped the Lynx (19-21) into a three-way tie for fifth place with Atlanta and Washington, with Minnesota ending up as the sixth seed.

The Fever (13-21) finished with more wins than it had the previous two seasons combined (11).

• **SPARKS 91, STORM 89:** Seattle's Jewell Loyd scored 28 points, setting a league record on her way to the scoring title, but Los Angeles closed with a 12-2 run to pull out the road victory.

Loyd sank 9 of 22 shots for the Storm (11-29) and finished the season with a record 939 points. Nneka Ogwumike had 22 points to pace the Sparks (17-23), who outscored the Storm 20-11 in the final period.

• **ACES 100, MERCURY 85:** A'ja Wilson scored 36 points, making a final statement to repeat as MVP, and defending champion Las Vegas defeated visiting Phoenix.

Kelsey Plum added 30 for Las Vegas (34-6). Phoenix (9-31) finished a last-place regular season with a franchise-record 11-game losing streak.

• **WINGS 94, DREAM 77:** In College Park, Ga., Arike Ogunbowale scored 20 of her 32 points in the second half and Dallas pulled away for a win over Atlanta in a playoff preview.

The fourth-seeded Wings (22-18) are at home against the fifth-seeded Dream (19-21) on Friday.

Djokovic triumphs over Medvedev to capture the U.S. Open for the fourth time

U.S. OPEN FROM D1

wide, then curling into a ball on the court. His 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 win had made him the oldest man to win the U.S. Open title in the Open era, which began in 1968.

With it, he clinched his 24th Grand Slam trophy, widening the gap between his haul and Rafael Nadal's 22 and tying Australian Margaret Court's record, most of which she won before the Open era began. Djokovic's tally stands at 10 Australian Open titles, seven at Wimbledon, four at New York and three at the French Open.

It was his third major title this season, which joined 2011, 2015 and 2021 as his three-Slam years. Medvedev played spoiler in 2021, capturing the U.S. Open when Djokovic was going for a calendar-year Grand Slam, but not Sunday.

"I really did my best in the last 48 hours not to allow the importance of the moment and what's on the line get to my head, because two years ago that's what happened, and I underperformed and I wasn't able to be at my best and I was outplayed," Djokovic said during a news conference afterward while wearing a white jacket with a green "24" patch. "So I learned my lesson. My team, my family knew that the last 24 hours, don't touch me, don't speak to me about, you know, the history of what's on the line."

For two weeks, a good chunk of the U.S. Open was a celebration of the growth and future of tennis, with Coco Gauff, Carlos Alcaraz and a rising group of Americans dominating domestic headlines. The U.S. Tennis Association said it drew 799,402 fans during the two weeks of main-draw matches, a record.

The championship sessions were the highest-attended on record, too, with Saturday's women's final drawing 28,143 and Sunday's men's matchup bringing in 28,804, including a long list of celebrities such as Sting, Timothée Chalamet, Kylie Jenner, Leonardo DiCaprio and Charlize Theron.

But Djokovic held the advancing generation at bay just a little bit longer.



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By defeating Daniil Medvedev at 36, Novak Djokovic became the oldest man to win the U.S. Open in the Open era, which began in 1968.

He was back carrying the trophy one year after he missed the U.S. Open because of travel restrictions prohibiting those unvaccinated against the coronavirus from entering the country. He also will wake up Monday holding the No. 1 ranking again for a record-extending 390th week.

"I think judging by the attendance of people in all Slams and, you know, the kind of hype that goes around Grand Slams, tennis is still in a good place. Players come and go. It will be the same kind of destiny for me. Eventually one day I will leave tennis in about 23, 24 years," Djokovic said, laughing. "And there is going to be new young players coming up. Until then, I guess you'll see me a bit more."

Following the match, after he climbed down from the stands where he had gone to hug his family, Djokovic paid tribute not to tennis history but to Kobe Bryant. Djokovic has spoken of the late basketball star as an inspiration and a mentor, and when he shed his match shirt, he replaced it with one that featured a picture of him with Bryant on the front and his jersey number on the back: 24.

"I don't know where to start. It obviously means the world to me. I'm kind of repeating myself, but I have to say it every time: I'm really living my childhood dream," Djokovic said on the court. ". . . I never imagined that I would be here, standing with you, talking about 24 Slams. I never thought that, but the last couple of years I thought I have a chance. Why not grab it, the chance to make history, if it's presented?"

Djokovic had to do more than grab his chance at history — he had to survive Medvedev first.

The first point of the match foretold its brutality for the players (and maybe even some fans tiring on their couches at home): It took 19 shots to finish. One point after that, they played a 23-point rally, then a 10-point rally, and surely all the folks at Arthur Ashe Stadium began to think their expensive tickets were actually bargains on a minute-by-minute basis.

Medvedev served wildly in the second game to give up the early break, and that was all Djokovic needed to plod on toward the first-set victory. He continued as the steadier player halfway through the second set, playing high-efficiency tennis as Medvedev pressed to be more aggressive, made poor decisions on his return position and ended up paying for it with unforced errors.

Then, midway through the set, the match got a little funky. All those long points at the end of a long two weeks finally caught up to Djokovic. With Medvedev serving at deuce and the score knotted at 3, they played another 31-shot rally, and the Serb crumpled to the court near the baseline for a moment before getting back up. His legs looked like cinder blocks for the rest of the set, causing Djokovic to alternately buckle like a newborn foal or rest his hands on his knees.

"I don't recall being so exhausted after rallies, really, as I have been in the second set," he said.

But given plenty of opportunities to take advantage, Medvedev either selected the wrong shot or found himself out of position as often as Djokovic found himself bent over, heaving to catch his breath. The Russian had 17 unforced errors in the set, many of them on points in which Djokovic served-and-volleyed in an effort to shorten points and Medvedev missed a passing shot.

He managed to work his way to set point in the second-set tiebreaker and flubbed on that, too, sending a backhand into the net on Djokovic's second serve. As a surprise, it was Medvedev who called the trainer to work on his shoulder when Djokovic won the set after a mere 1 hour 44 minutes.

"Oh, regrets, for sure. Should have won it," Medvedev said. "Should have won it, but sometimes tennis is not that easy."

By that point, their fatigue had become nearly a comedic quirk of the match. Early in the second set, Medvedev slipped and went sprawling in the service box, falling dramatically enough that Djokovic climbed over the net — it was funny — and offered his opponent a hand. Medvedev waved him off with a single hand without moving the rest of his body. He would take a few more moments on the ground, thanks.

Djokovic sped through the third set after that to defeat his third different opponent in three Grand Slam finals this year. He outlasted each one.